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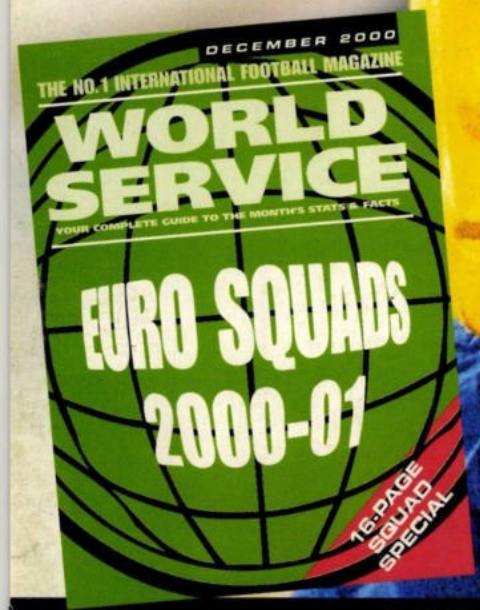

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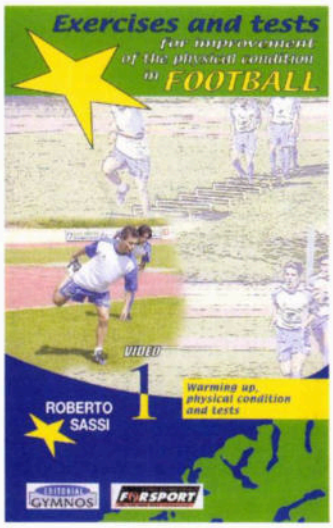

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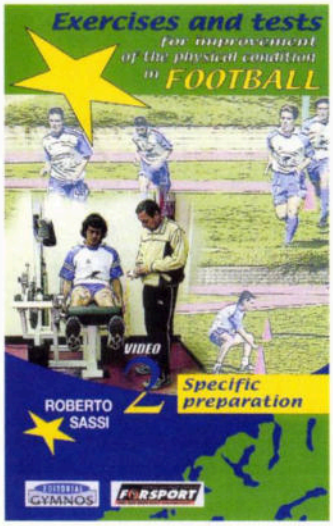

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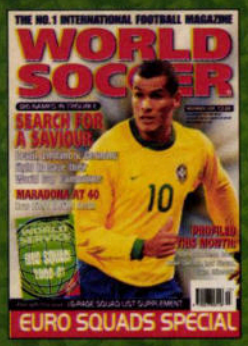

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IT'S NOT OFTEN that three major footballing nations lose their national coach in the space of the same month. But that is what has happened with England, Brazil and Germany in the past four weeks. To lose one coach is unfortunate, you might say, to lose two smacks of carelessness, while losing three makes it this month's cover story. All three countries have struggled to find replacements for what should be the best coaching job going. That speaks volumes for the changing nature of international football and for the state of the national side in each country.

Also this month, we've added an extra 16 pages to World Service, enabling us to publish full squad lists from the leading European Leagues.

There's still time to vote for your Player, Manager and Team of the Year in our annual poll. If you haven't done so yet, the voting form is on page 77. We'll publish the full results next month.

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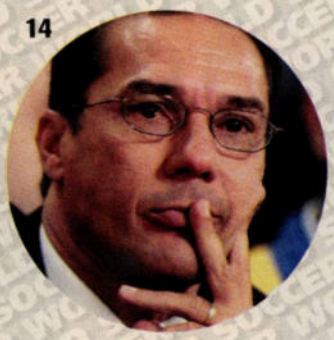

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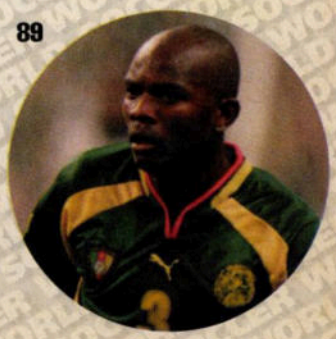

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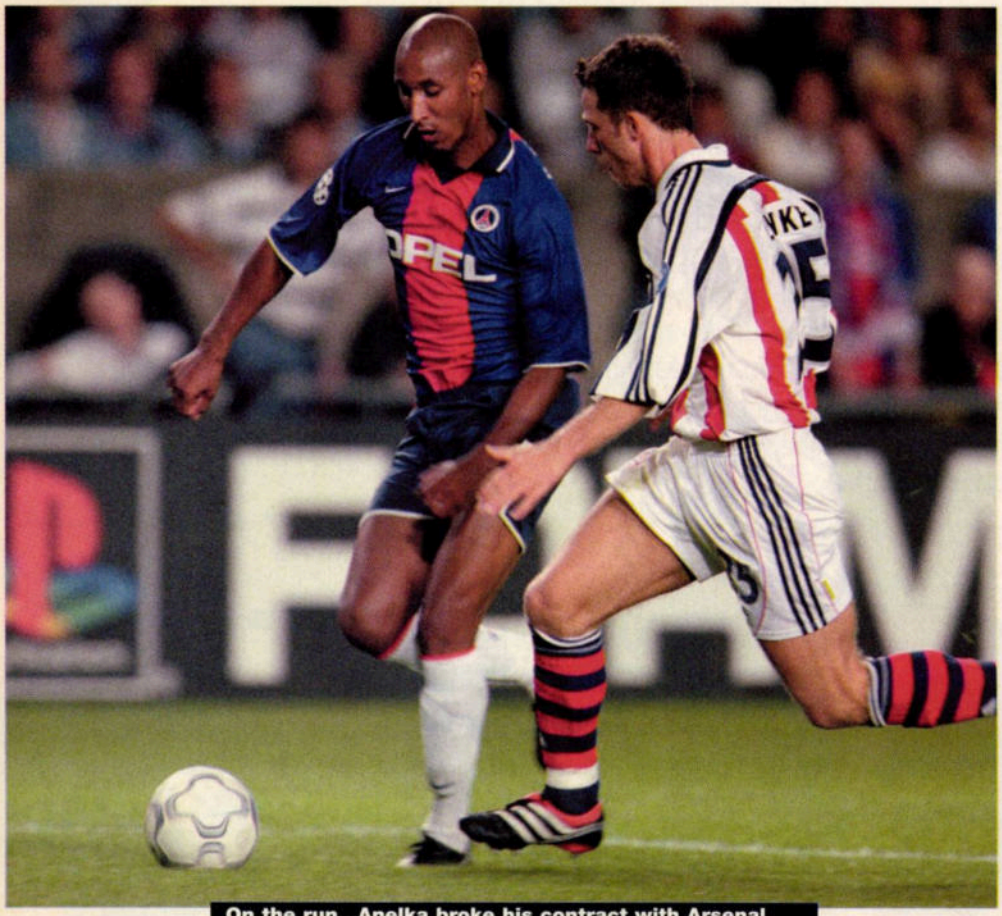

On the run...Anelka broke his contract with Arsenal

Passport to confusion

THE hilariously confusing cases of Dida and Tony Cascarino should do little more than remind us that footballers, their families, agents and clubs have been playing fast and loose with eligibility regulations ever since the 1930s.

Milan goalkeeper Dida registered with UEFA for the Champions League as a Brazilian but then registered for the Italian League as a European Union citizen, courtesy of his newly-acquired Portuguese passport – which now turns out to be one of the thousands of forgeries flooding the EU labour market.

Despite a misjudged hue and cry in the media, that had no bearing in reality on Dida's Champions League qualification.

As for Anglo-Italian Cascarino, he believed he was eligible to play for the Republic of Ireland through the antecedents of his maternal grandfather. The fact that the Irish

Change of status...Dida

'More than ever, it seems, a football contract isn't worth the paper it's written on'

Lawyers are the real winners

THE WINNERS from the wrangling with the European Commission over the transfer system will not be the players, clubs or federations but the lawyers.

That was the inevitable conclusion from a talk-in on the Bosman fall-out at a sports marketing and management conference at Lord's cricket ground in London.

Appropriately, the conference opened on the day FIFA presented the taskforce proposals to the European Commission. The taskforce proposals lacked any input from players, of course, because FIFpro walked out of talks a couple of weeks before the deadline. Oddly, FIFpro's Gordon Taylor then turned up at Sepp Blatter's press conference – provoking the FIFA president into an injudicious verbal exchange (perhaps that was the intention).

This is not about the 'abolition' of the transfer system. It is about the rearranging of the transfer system to comply with European Union labour laws. FIFA wants a ban on transfers of under-18 players, compensation payments for transfers of players up to 23, standard three-year contracts and two transfer windows per year, a transitional period and an agreed arbitration process.

Back at Lord's it rapidly emerged that contract law variations within the countries of the European Union mean different interpretations which could exacerbate the confusion rather than resolve it.

An example of the timebomb factors? Nicolas Anelka, said Andrew Caiger, a sports law analyst from Anglia University, had the practical right to break his contract at Arsenal two years ago without any compensation being due. Arsenal could then have sued for damages, but how do you assess what a player might contribute to future League and Cup campaigns?

In the event, of course, Real Madrid paid a transfer fee for Anelka which kept Arsenal sweet. But that was more thanks to soccer convention than the law of the land.

More than ever, it seems, a football contract, as Sam Goldwyn averred about a verbal agreement, isn't worth the paper it's written on.

It's no wonder M'learned Friend is smiling broadly.

authorities subsequently rejected his passport application was immaterial. Cascarino has lately learned that his family background was more confused than he thought and the qualification link was invalid.

Again, no story, because he honestly believed his qualification was valid given the information available to him at the time.

History is full of such confusions, some innocent, some not so credible. When Juventus signed Argentine left-winger Raimundo Orsi in 1930 they were delighted when it turned out that his Italian grandparents made him eligible to play for Italy. Orsi was not so happy to discover that citizenship also made him eligible for national service in Mussolini's army.

Orsi did a moonlight flit and could not be persuaded back until Italy's legendary national manager, Vittorio Pozzo, arranged special exemption. It was Pozzo who then responded to criticism of Orsi's selection for the *Azzurri* by saying: "If he is eligible to die for Italy then he is eligible to play football for Italy."

In the mid-1950s all sorts of scams were worked out to organise Italian citizenship for foreign footballers – usually South Americans – so as to circumvent much tighter foreign player restrictions than those in force today. When Fiorentina signed Brazil right-winger Julinho – a key figure in their League title-winning side in 1956 – they were delighted to learn that he possessed the necessary Italian grandfather to qualify for citizenship.

Unfortunately for Fiorentina and Julinho, a suspicious journalist discovered that the identity of the supposed grandfather had belonged, instead, to a Roman Catholic priest.

Spanish football also suffered at the hands of the passport forgers. In the 1970s Oscar Valdez, from Valencia, and Real Madrid's Roberto Martinez were outstanding members of Spain's national team squad. Valdez was a fast-accelerating left-winger, Martinez a lanky centre-forward. Both were discovered to have claimed Spanish citizenship under false pretences. They never played for Spain again and continued their club careers only under a heavy cloud.

The increasingly frantic competition to sign youngsters from the developing world has opened up a lucrative market for passport forgers. Thus Portuguese embassies in Western Europe were subject early this year to what appeared to be organised theft of blank passports. These have been used mainly to help illegal immigrants from South America and Eastern European gain entry and work in the European Union.

But some of the passports have turned up in the football fraud. As Milan executive director Adriano Galliani says: "If we are presented with what appear to be legitimate personal documentation then we are duty bound to accept its validity. We are not the police or immigration agents, we are a football club."

Birthday messages

BIRTHDAY time in October. *World Soccer* was 40, so was Diego Maradona, while Pele was 60.

I have always found Pele a warm and generous human being, who turned the financial tables on the men who exploited the early years of his career.

As for Maradona, he remains the a-chip on-the-shoulder personified.

Swedish traditions are strong

EVERYONE knows Hungary were the first foreign nation to beat England at Wembley. But who remembers the identity of the second? The answer is Sweden.

I mention it now so that, when Sven Goran Eriksson's credibility is called into question after England's stumbling first steps in his charge, everyone remembers Sweden's powerful traditions.

Much of that, of course, was due to an Englishman. George Raynor took Sweden to runners-up spot as World Cup hosts in 1958. He also guided them to Olympic Games gold, at Wembley, in 1948...the year Eriksson was born.

Sole objective...Zidane

Zidane eyes prize through red mist

FIFA will unveil the 2000 World Player of the Year at a star-studded gala in Rome on December 11. Zinedine Zidane is early favourite. It's his only chance of a starring role on the night. Clearly, given his recently-acquired collection of Hagi-style red cards, he will not be carrying off the fair-play prize.

The handshake of hypocrisy

DOCTORS take the Hippocratic oath; football bosses take the hypocritic oath. The words sound much the same. The ethics are diametrically opposed.

The medical version is all about honour and duty. The football version is all about double-dealing. Take the tale of two cities. Not the Charles Dickens version with London and Paris but London and Frankfurt, respective headquarters of the English Football Association and the German football federation.

Agreement...Daum

When the FA and the DFB were fighting over the 2006 World Cup finals, the Germans grew high and mighty over a supposed handshake between Egidius Braun (DFB president) and Sir Bert Millichip (FA chairman). The Germans claimed that a handshake a decade ago signalled England's intent to give Germany a free run at the 2006 bid.

Anyone involved in football politics then knows this to have been a nonsense. The real deal was struck between England and France; it involved England pulling out of the 1998 World Cup contest in exchange for French support for England's hosting of the 1996 European Championship. The Germans were mere spectators.

But the miserable story of the handshake did England's 2006 bid a lot more damage than should have been permitted (the English media, with a significant anti-FA bias, deserves much of the blame).

Now, we discover that a handshake and a gentleman's agreement mean nothing to German officials, either.

Christoph Daum was axed as national coach-elect because of a failed dope test. Yet DFB officials had shaken hands with Daum and he still had nine months in which to clean up his act. The handshake? That doesn't count any more, say the hypocrites of the DFB.

Not that English football can feel smug. Consider Newcastle United, whose directors rejected the FA's approach to borrow Bobby Robson as part-time, caretaker national manager. Robson has a contract with Newcastle, you see, and will be held to it. Yet this is the same Newcastle who wanted Robson to break his contract with Barcelona when they needed a new manager in the wake of Kevin Keegan's abrupt departure some years back.

This is also the Newcastle board who rake in the cash from their blindly loyal fans while pushing them out of their seats so they can build extra VIP boxes.

When you talk football hypocrisy where do you stop? With the chairmen who give managers votes of confidence one day only to sack them the next? With the managers who condemn fouls against their teams but are blind when their own players open up six-stitch cuts over opponents' eyes? With the media which demands the appointment of saviour Kevin Keegan one day then describes him as a disaster-in-waiting the next? With the directors who complain when pay-per-view can't deliver an England game yet whinge just as loudly when their own pay-per-view deal falls through?

Not such a funny game is it, really?

Diego defies the odds

Maradona reaches 40 and remains as controversial as ever

THE miracle, of course, is that he has made it this far. Diego Armando Maradona turned 40 last month, defying the doctors who feared that his drug addictions would take a fatal toll.

It is hard to ignore Maradona at the best of times. But with the publication of his autobiography *Yo Suy El Diego* (I am Diego), it has been nigh on impossible in recent weeks. The book sold out its first hardback print run of 125,000 within days of publication in Buenos Aires. Plans are well advanced to translate the tome into up to 80 different languages.

In the past year, Maradona has come close to death on a number of occasions. He has spent the past few months in Cuba, enjoying the hospitality of Fidel Castro, following heart problems attributed to a cocaine overdose. The Caribbean country is not noted for its drugs rehabilitation programme, but he has been able to escape the pressures of superstardom, perhaps for the first time in his life. In September, just as he appeared to be clear of drugs, he drove his car into a bus after reportedly driving on the wrong side of the road. The car was a write-off, but Diego stepped out of the wreckage, apparently unharmed.

Last month, in addition to returning to Argentina to promote his book, Maradona agreed to become coach of struggling First Division side Almagro. Cynics have suggested that the two events were not unconnected, especially after the new boss failed to turn up for his first game in charge. A club official was left to explain that Diego had not wanted to detract attention from the players.

Maradona remains a national hero in Argentina. His addiction problems are viewed as the inevitable result of the pressures he was placed under at an early age.

Can he kick it?...Maradona during his drug rehab programme in Cuba

In the book Maradona talks with affection about his childhood, "though if I had to describe the *barrio* I was born and grew up in, Villa Fiorito, in one word it would be struggle". He continues: "In Fiorito if you had money to eat you ate and if you didn't, you didn't. We had a dining room, for cooking, eating, doing your homework, you name it, and two bedrooms. My folks used the one on the right and us kids the one on the left, two metres by two metres at the outside…all eight of us."

His time at Napoli is described as the best period of his career, particularly the 1986-87 season ("sheer M-A-G-I-C"), but he also talks about the painkillers he received to keep playing. "They were giving me these jabs that brought tears to my eyes. That's why I get annoyed when people talk about footballers earning too much, about us being layabouts. Have they got any idea what a 10cm needle looks like when it's being stuck into your groin?"

Maradona also uses the book to talk about some of the financial deals in his career: the offer from Bernard Tapie to double his salary to join Marseille; the £60m from IMG for rights to market his image worldwide.

Inevitably, much will be made of his goals against England in the 1986 World Cup. "What 'Hand of God'? It was the Hand of Diego," he insists. (God, incidentally, is referred to throughout as "The Beard".)

The future for Maradona is at best uncertain. He says Castro has extended Cuban hospitality for as long as he wants it. Jose Pekerman, Argentina's technical director, hinted recently that the door was open for Maradona to assume a coaching role with the national side.

Whatever happens, expect the unexpected.

John Holmesdale

World Soccer miss out on title...in Tanzania

IT is with some disappointment that we must report that Kajumulo World Soccer, despite their impressive and imposing name, have been unable to win the League in Tanzania.

They came third in the end, but it wasn't bad for a side who have existed for only two years.

Kajumulo World Soccer finished behind champions Young Africans and runners-up Mtibwa Sugar in the six-team Union League, an end-of-season play-off which decides the championship.

The club, unfortunately, do not take their name from this august magazine. Instead Kajumulo is Alex Kajumulo, an America-based Tanzanian businessman, and World Soccer is his chain of sports shops in east Africa, Ghana and Jamaica.

Kajumulo bought the franchise of Cigara, a club owned by the Tanzanian Cigarette Company, two years ago, and with the help of coach Jamahuri Kihwelo has quickly built up the status of the team. There has been some heavy spending on ex-internationals plus the purchase of midfielder Salvatory Edward, the one-time national team captain bought in something of a coup from Young Africans. It is hoped, officials say, that the team will be the dominant force in the Tanzanian market soon.

Mark Gleeson

Paul Gardner

GLOBAL VIEW

Argentina have the goalscoring knack...just don't try to copy it

WHEN I TELL you that I bring news about two Argentinian strikers playing in Europe, you'll start thinking of the multi-million dollar kids, Gabriel Batistuta and Hernan Crespo.

And you'll be wrong, so there. First we go to Anfield for Liverpool v Liberec in the UEFA Cup. Not one of your more memorable games. Boring, actually. One player stood out as offering something a bit different for the Czechs among all the macho running and getting stuck in. Liberec's Leandro Lazzaro.

The same night, the goal with which Lausanne upset Ajax was scored by Javier Mazzoni.

I'll confess to not knowing anything about Lazzaro and Mazzoni – except that they're both Argentinians.

I'd also noted Alejandro Glaria scoring a golden goal to win last year's Mexican title for Pachuca. Then there's Juan Esnaider with Juventus, and Julio Cruz at Bologna.

In the USA, there's Ariel Graziani, who scored 15 goals in 24 games for Dallas Burn. An interesting case, Graziani. Born in Argentina, learned all his soccer there – but he's now a member of the Ecuador national team.

His decision to become a citizen of Ecuador seems pretty logical. In Argentina, his chances of making the national team or of even getting recognition were not good. There were simply too many good strikers around.

David Trezeguet, another Argentinian product, made a similar decision to give up his nationality and ended up in France's World Cup-winning squad.

Claudio Caniggia has turned up in Scotland, and there was even an Argentinian striker in England, until the immigration people didn't like the look of Esteban Fuertes' passport.

Argentinian goal-scorers seem to have spread all over the world – and there are still some pretty good ones left in Argentina. Boca's Martin Palermo, for instance, and the young River Plate starlet, Javier Saviola.

It's hardly likely that this is all some monster coincidence. Argentinian soccer is evidently producing – consistently – players with the knack of scoring.

It is a knack, isn't it? Modern coaches seem to think otherwise. They've analysed it all and can tell us exactly what moves a player needs to make to be a goalscorer.

The greatest of England's goalscorers debunked them with a favourite quote: "The way they talk about football sometimes I think it must be easier to split the atom than score a goal." That was Jimmy Greaves, who certainly had the goalscoring knack.

The problem with the knack, any knack, is that it's difficult, probably impossible, to explain it. Never mind analyse it.

"I just stuck out me foot and it went in," mumbled John Cleese, playing the part of a gormless footballer in a Monty Python sketch.

So the truth lies somewhere between atom-splitting and sticking out your foot. I suspect it's a lot closer to the sticking-out-your-foot end of the scale.

I tried once to get Giorgio Chinaglia – another goalscorer supreme – to explain how he positioned himself in the penalty area. The conversation lasted no time at all. Chinaglia made it clear that it was all a matter of instinct.

The same answer, really, that Stanley Matthews gave when asked to demonstrate his trickery: "I can't do it in cold blood, it only comes out of me under pressure."

But the prevalence of Argentinian goalscorers suggests that goalscoring is a knack that can be nurtured. The Argentinians – and the Brazilians – live in a culture in which goalscoring is revered as the most worthy of the sport's arts.

I was told years ago in Brazil that "every boy here wants to score goals. That's why we look down on goalkeepers. They're in goal because they're the worst players, the ones who couldn't score goals."

Those long howls of 'Go-o-o-o-l!' from the radio and TV commentators bring an erotic excitement to the goalscoring moment. The more elaborate the goal, the more intricate the passing, the more skilful the dribble, the greater the excitement.

The player is not just a guy who scores goals, he's a *goleador*, a word that seems to bestow honour and dignity on the activity. And for the super-goal there's *golazo*, a wonderful word that has a thrilling crescendo of sound built into it (compare it to the awful 'Wottagoal!' so beloved of English commentators).

It seems more than likely to me that a culture with such a passionate love affair with goalscoring will breed goalscorers.

It's logical that young boys would want to learn the skills that are going to make them heroes. But I doubt there's any conscious decision involved here. The culture dictates – and silently, subconsciously and naturally the goalscoring knack flourishes.

NOTES AND QUOTES

"I can't keep going out with my daughter and hearing Boca Juniors fans shout 'Die of hunger, Paraguayan'."
Jose Luis Chilavert explains why he has quit Velez Sarsfield for French club Strasbourg.

"I know I made a terrible mistake. I want to apologise to all those who rightly took offence at remarks I made in a moment of particular tension on the pitch."
Lazio's Sinisa Mihajlovic regrets the racist abuse he directed at Arsenal's Patrick Vieira during a Champions League encounter.

Racist outburst...Mihajlovic

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"Simoni wanted three new players, but we had already given him 11."
Torino vice-president Franco Ciminelli after coach Gigi Simoni was sacked. The Serie B side had lost four of their first eight games of the season.

"I want to say sorry to my team-mates and the supporters, whom I have let down. It was not like me at all."
Juventus superstar Zinedine Zidane in repentant mood after receiving a red card for headbutting a Hamburg opponent in the Champions League. It was the Frenchman's second dismissal of the competition.

"Fabien has a lot in common with my grandmother's blouse. When you stitch it up at the bottom, it then tears at the top."
Veteran Auxerre general manager-cum-French media darling Guy Roux on Fabien Barthez's repeated injury problems.

"I am very upset. What the hell have we done? The French are managed by a Frenchman, the Germans have a German, and the Italians have got one of their own."
Forthright opinions on the appointment of a foreigner to coach England from Jack Charlton (above), the Englishman who managed, er, Ireland.

Beware Boca!

With the World Club Cup looming, Eric Weil sends a warning to Real Madrid

WHEN UEFA Champions League holders Real Madrid run out to contest the World Club Cup in Tokyo on November 28, they had better beware. Their opponents, Libertadores Cup winners Boca Juniors, are at the top of their game. At home in Argentina, Boca had established a four-point lead after 13 rounds of the opening championship; in the Mercosur Cup, which features many of the top South American club sides, they cruised through to the quarter-finals as group winners.

Their form is even more impressive when you consider that the sale of Walter Samuel to Roma and Rodolfo Arruabarrena (Villarreal) since the Libertadores Final victory over Palmeiras in June broke up the Argentinian League's strongest defence. Yet while Boca can boast the likes of Colombian international keeper Oscar Cordoba and stalwart defenders such as captain Jorge Bermudez, also a Colombian, and Hugo Ibarra they will be hard to beat.

The midfield kingpin is 22-year-old Juan Riquelme. He has good control and passes well, but it is his ability to take an overview of the whole game that makes him perhaps the best player in Argentina today.

In attack, Martin Palermo has returned to scoring form following a six-month layoff, and he should soon be back in tandem with Guillermo Barros Schelotto, a great dribbler, when the latter regains full fitness after his injury problems. If Barros Schelotto does not make it in time to face Madrid, he has an excellent understudy in Antonio Barijho.

Coach Carlos Bianchi is no stranger to success having won nine titles during the 1990s, including the 1994 World Club Cup with Velez Sarsfield. He has been successfully juggling his players because of Boca's heavy fixture list and knows how to get the best out of them.

In short, whatever the result of the tie in Tokyo, Real Madrid will know they have been in a game.

In the wings...Antonio Barijho

LEADING PLAYERS

GOALKEEPER

OSCAR CORDOBA, 30, regular Colombian international. Very safe keeper and has been a key figure in many successes.

DEFENDERS

JORGE BERMUDEZ, 29, regular Colombian international. Mainstay of the defence.

HUGO IBARRA, 26. Dangerous when going forward and starts many attacks.

ANIBAL MATELLAN, 23. One of the many outstanding products of the club's youth system.

DANIEL FAGIANI, 26. Bought in to replace Walter Samuel, and though he is not in the same class, he has fitted in well.

MIDFIELDERS

MAURICIO SERNA, 32, regular Colombian international. Tough-tackling midfielder with endless stamina.

JULIO MARCHANT, 20. Another outstanding product of the youth sides and a worthy understudy for Serna.

JUAN RIQUELME, 22, Argentinian international and complete playmaker. Considered the best player in Argentina. Has good ball control and passing ability, and is a superb reader of the game.

JOSE BASUALDO, 35, former Argentinian international. Uses his vast experience to help steady the midfield and dictate the rhythm when required.

CESAR LA PAGLIA, 21, and **SEBASTIAN BATTAGLIA,** 20. Young reserves who replace Riquelme with credit and would be regular first-choices at many other top clubs.

FORWARDS

MARTIN PALERMO, 27. Burly leading scorer and occasional international who averages a goal a game. Has a knack of being in the right place at the right time, but lacks agility.

GUILLERMO BARROS SCHELOTTO, 27, occasional international. Formed an excellent attacking partnership with Palermo before the latter's recent long injury layoff. He is now not fully fit himself, but when they are both in form, they are lethal.

ANTONIO BARIJHO, 23. Also a prolific scorer and frequently used as an alternative in attack.

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President: Mauricio Macri.
Stadium: Camilo Cichero 'La Bombonera' (capacity 56,500)
Honours: Argentinian professional championship (18) 1931, 1934, 1935, 1940, 1943, 1944, 1954, 1962, 1964, 1965, 1969, 1970, 1976 (2), 1981, 1992, 1998, 1999; Libertadores Cup (3) 1977, 1978, 2000; World Club Cup 1978.

Mike Langley
OPINION

History is not on England's side

SIR ALF RAMSEY, who knew everything about football except how to prevent Bobby Moore from scoring an own goal in Poland, once said of his profession: "Managers get too much of the credit as well as too much of the blame."

Those words remain as true today as when Ramsey spoke them 26 years ago, in the wake of England's very first failure to qualify for a World Cup.

At the 1974 finals themselves, the eventual winners West Germany reached the Final by negating the flying wingers of Poland, England's vanquishers, on a saturated, barely playable pitch in the semis.

However, the Poles dried out and beat Brazil 1-0 in the third-place match – a result which made England's few thoughtful fans realise that the Poles' draw at Wembley under withering fire (30-odd shots at Jan Tomaszewski and nearly two dozen corners) was not the performance of merely jammy opponents.

Four years earlier in Mexico, defeat by a Gerd Muller-inspired West Germany was the end of Bobby Charlton's England career. The defeat away to Poland in June 1973 was more or less the finish for Moore, who was dropped for the return at Wembley. He was selected only once thereafter, for a friendly against Italy, and that was lost, too.

Gordon Banks, Ray Wilson, Jack Charlton, Jimmy Greaves, Nobby Stiles, Roger Hunt? The nation looked in vain. The great Ramsey team of 1966 had long departed the field. He hoped another had been found in 1970 but it wasn't so. By the 1974 World Cup qualifiers, not only were England held at home by Poland's Olympic champions, but they could not even beat Wales in their group match at Wembley.

I was the only newspaper reporter in Ramsey's house at Ipswich after the sacking and heard him say: "Suddenly, I was a dead duck. The handshakes stopped and I sensed coldness among the FA Council. Yet not qualifying for the World Cup finals can happen to anybody. You have to accept defeats and results like the draw against Poland. You won't avoid them!

"How can you budget for a ball flying off Bobby Moore's toe into the back of our net in Poland? How can you budget for Norman Hunter being beaten in a challenge at Wembley and then Emlyn Hughes missing his challenge by a whisker and Peter Shilton not getting his body a fraction lower to save the shot from Domarski?"

Don Revie was soon asking similar questions. Why did he not qualify for the 1976 European Championship finals? Because a Portuguese free-kick in Lisbon swung four yards into England's net.

Revie was a pessimist; always expected the worst when abroad. A rattling sack of skeletons trailed behind him. They dated from the days when he moved up from the back-room with instructions from a wealthy supporter that no stroke should go unpulled in the cause of hauling Leeds United back from the brink of the Third Division.

I have personally conducted two interviews with a tough defender who received cash from a Revie associate in return for easing off a young forward. Brian Clough told anyone willing to listen that "Don's a cheat" and Richard Stott, later editor of the *Daily Mirror*, launched a painstaking and unsued investigation into "Don Readies". None of this was known to the old fools who sacked Ramsey to recruit Revie.

What was he like as an international manager? Let me take you to Italy's dressing-room in Rome after their 2-0 World Cup qualifying win against England in 1976. Giacinto Facchetti, their 6ft 4in captain, is saying "That's the worst England team I've ever seen. Disorganised, confused and of only modest ability. Worst of all, not prepared to fight back when a goal down."

Revie's team were as good as out of the World Cup with 18 months to go. Like Ramsey two years previously in Poland, the crucial away match had been lost.

'Never before have England collected only one point from their first two World Cup qualifiers. Let's hope we're not done for, but you wouldn't bet against it'

The roles of Poland and Italy in the downfalls of Ramsey and Revie was played by Holland in the case of Graham Taylor, another appointment that would have been better not made. Like nearly all coaches, he talked too much and sometimes that talk could sound belittling of players born with infinitely more talent than himself.

Don Revie took England on a three-match tour of South America that produced only one goal. He lost the home championships twice and, in one spell of six foreign matches, his only victory was against Luxembourg.

How does that compare with Taylor returning from the 1992 European Championship after the first three matches (none won), going a goal down after a few seconds to San Marino in a 1994 World Cup qualifier, and failing to make those finals after defeat in Rotterdam when demanding the sending-off of Ronald Koeman for a foul similar to one for which Des Walker went unpunished at Wembley.

Chorzow, Rome and Rotterdam were the places where the Englands of Ramsey, Revie and Taylor perished. Now Sven Goran Eriksson, England's new boss, must go to Germany with a team that's already lost the home leg. It's never happened before, and neither have England ever collected only one point from their first two World Cup qualifiers.

Let's hope we're not done for, but you wouldn't bet against it. Yet there's time now to put things right for the 2004 European Championship and the 2006 World Cup.

For a start, can't we educate England fans to realise that booing anthems does not intimidate visiting teams? It fires them up!

Can't we convince the FA that managing England is primarily a matter of selection, not coaching?

Also, that every League player in England would benefit from a shorter season.

Professor Dick Hobbs

IN Simon Kuper's Opinion article on hooliganism in the November issue, a quote linking hooliganism with the Hillsborough disaster was attributed to Professor Dick Hobbs of Durham University. Professor Hobbs never, in fact, made any such statement and we would like to offer our sincere apologies to him for the offence that this has caused.

We would also like to apologise to all the Liverpool supporters and those connected with the Hillsborough tragedy for the distress and anger caused by the erroneous quote.

NOTES AND QUOTES

"I cannot have a working relationship with people who think my only motivation for playing this game is money."
George Weah (below) takes a swipe at Manchester City boss Joe Royle as he leaves Maine Road.

"The only movement I saw on the pitch tonight was the player with the ball. The others just stood there watching and wishing him good luck."
Bayern Munich vice-president Franz Beckenbauer is not impressed with Bayern's performance in a goalless draw with Helsingborgs in the Champions League.

"The offence given to Luis Figo in particular and to the Portuguese people in general went beyond what is acceptable."
Portugal pull out of a December friendly at Camp Nou against a Catalonian XI. They are unhappy at the way Figo was pilloried by the Barcelona crowd when he returned to his old stamping ground in Real Madrid colours.

"I'm too good to only be third choice here. I don't think [coach] Serra Ferrer has any reason to pass me over."
Frank De Boer rankles at being left on the Barça bench.

Russia carry off the gold

Craig Wilson reports from Sydney on the Paralympic football tournament

Flying the flag...Russian players set off on a lap of honour after their victory over Ukraine

IN A thrilling gold-medal match, Russia beat Ukraine 3-2 to triumph at the Sydney 2000 Paralympic football tournament. Brazil held off a strong challenge from Portugal to take bronze.

Ukraine, reigning world champions and favourites for gold, conceded two goals in two minutes as Russia's Mamuka Dzimistarishvili scored a hat-trick, sending the 12,137 crowd – a world record for a Paralympic match – away with memories of a remarkable competition.

With 4,000 athletes, 1,500 media, and 18 disciplines, the Paralympics is one of the largest sporting events in the world. Paralympic football is played by athletes with cerebral palsy (CP), a condition affecting the brain, and classified under four disability categories.

While CP may affect balance or movement, many players play able-bodied football or futsal. Matches are played over two 30-minute halves, on a hockey field with modified goals. Teams are seven-a-side, and there is no offside. Otherwise the rules are those approved by FIFA.

The competition brought together the Atlanta gold medallists Holland, Ukraine, hosts Australia, and teams from Argentina, Brazil, Spain, Portugal and Russia. A Dutch team in transition showed poor form throughout, scoring only three goals but picking up two red and 12 yellow cards in four matches.

The Ukrainians quickly established themselves as crowd favourites, playing adventurous, flowing football. A pacy and audacious attack, fed by an inventive and talented midfield, averaged three goals a game.

Like the Olympics, doping was a disturbing problem for officials at the Sydney Games. Several power-lifters were banned for drug use, and there were rumours of 'boosting', the self-inducement of pain in order to raise heart levels and adrenalin before events.

Thankfully, the soccer tournament passed without incident, though past tournaments have been darkened by accusations that some teams were 'too able-bodied'.

Australia captain David Barber, who dominated midfield in the group match against Spain, Russian striker Marat Fatiakhdinov, and Ukrainian captain Volodymyr Kabanov, who topped the goalscoring list with seven in five matches, were the stars of the tournament.

The cumulative crowd for the 18-game event was in the region of 50,000 while viewing figures for TV highlights were also impressive.

Sydney 2000 Paralympic Football Tournament

Gold - Russian Federation
Silver - Ukraine
Bronze - Brazil

Fluctuating fortunes

Ben Hamilton on the questionable performance of football shares

Doubting...Brady finds shares 'unsexy'

BRITAIN, the birthplace of football, was also the first country whose football clubs listed on a stock exchange. But while the global game has blossomed in recent years, life on the trading floor has proved less successful.

In many ways the football sector has come full circle. The sceptical reaction to Tottenham Hotspur's decision to be the first club to go public in October 1983 seemed just a distant memory in 1997 when no fewer than 10 British clubs were welcomed into the fold.

Football was serious business three years ago: the sector was buoyed by the promise of potential revenues from pay-per-view (PPV) television and the internet. And it wasn't just in Britain. Italian and German clubs were waking up to the advantages of flotation (although only Lazio, Roma and Borussia Dortmund have actually gone ahead and listed), while clubs in countries outside the 'Big Five' like Portugal, Holland, Denmark, Iceland and Switzerland were also getting in on the act.

But three years on from the rush to float, as player salaries continue to rise, most clubs are still essentially loss-making businesses, dependent on the transfer market in order to balance the books. With the impending result of the European Commission's inquiry into transfers due soon, there is understandably little optimism about any improvement.

"Unsexy" is how Birmingham City's managing director Karren Brady described football shares earlier this year, partly as a result of a "problem with the way they were valued by the market". Her club was one of 10 that floated in 1997 and not one of them is currently trading at a premium on its initial listing price.

The problem, according to Mark Oliver of Oliver and Ohlbaum, which commissioned a report on the potential of PPV, was exaggerated expectations in the City. "In the mid-1990s, city analysts were projecting a PPV bonanza on top of the already growing free-to-air and pay-TV deals. They were also projecting relatively low growth in wage costs – below the subsequent 20 per cent a year levels," said Oliver.

Indeed, an increasing number of British clubs reveal that they are paying their players nearly all the revenue they actually generate (according to Deloitte & Touche's 1998-99 figures, Division One and Two clubs pay on average 80 per cent of their turnover to their players while Division Three clubs pay 95 per cent).

At present, only clubs with genuine national and/or international appeal can expect to generate the type of substantial high-margin revenue (sponsorship, TV, advertising – income at a low cost) that will aid profitability and so generate interest in the City and among investors.

> 'The problem has been the City's exaggerated expectations ...there are doubts it has ever really understood football'

But even profitability may not be enough. A club such as Sunderland, playing Premiership football and regularly filling an ever-expanding stadium, announced a set of healthy, profitable annual results last month, but still saw their share price fall to a new all-time low.

There are question marks about whether the City has ever really understood football. As one analyst explains, "most companies are valued on the basis of ratios of share price to earnings per share [profits divided by number of shares], but this is inappropriate for football.

"Few clubs make profits so there are negative or low earnings, and even when they do, these earnings are volatile and can swing up and down because of their dealings in the transfer market. Instead, clubs are valued on the basis of the ratio of their turnover to market capitalisation [number of shares multiplied by share price]."

Faced with this kind of reasoning, is an investor going to choose a good turnover/market capitalisation ratio over a company likely to announce a minimum £100m profit?

Football shares have not been helped by a bad year for the internet and PPV. The internet started the year as probably the most influential factor in the world markets, and Manchester United's surge past the £1billion mark was attributed by analysts to the potential net worth of their website. Within months, though, technology stocks had crashed spectacularly.

And although PPV is accepted in countries like Spain and Italy, it has yet to succeed in countries such as the UK, where the annual charges for pay-TV subscriber services are already considered, by customer and media alike, to be high enough.

The negative coverage that greeted u<direct's recent PPV transmission of the World Cup qualifier between England and Finland didn't help either. The mood was further dampened by NTL's recent withdrawal from the PPV deal with the Premier League.

So, is it all bad news? One bright spot is that HSBC Securities has started coverage of UK football stocks, and although it has assigned an "underweight" view to the sector overall, it gave more positive, "add" ratings to two clubs – Manchester United and Leeds United. This involvement by a major financial institution in the football sector can at least be seen as a positive sign.

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Rounding up the best (and worst) in football publishing

BOOK OF THE MONTH

STAN CULLIS – THE IRON MANAGER

Jim Holden
(Breedon, £14.99)

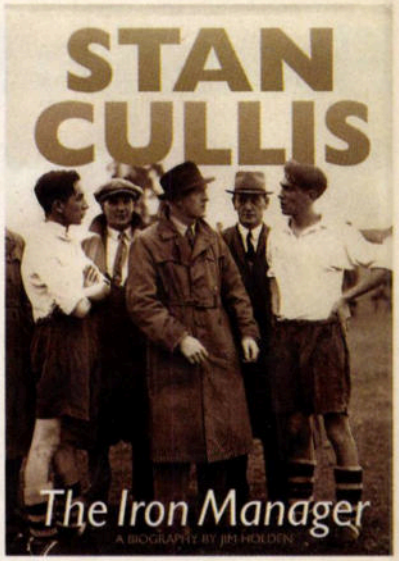
JOHN ARLOTT dubbed Stan Cullis 'The Passionate Puritan', and the description was never bettered. Cullis, who always claimed not to have used a single swear word nor to have touched alcohol, had a brief playing career and a much longer stay in the game as a manager: surprisingly this book is the first devoted to him apart from his autobiography, long since forgotten.

Cullis was the youngest of 10 children, a Black Country lad through and through, a fine old-fashioned centre-half, capped 12 times in the years leading up to World War Two, and another 20 during that conflict, when the Britton-Cullis-Mercer half-back line built a merited reputation as England's finest.

He was frequently a victim of concussion and quit playing for Wolves when only 29, to become one of the youngest managers in history.

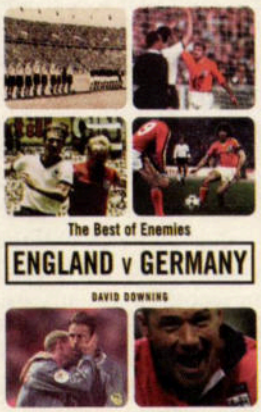
In the days when a couple of defeats did not mean immediate dismissal, he built a succession of Wolves teams good enough to win the League three times and the FA Cup twice in the next 16 years, as well as meeting and beating a succession of top foreign clubs in the friendlies that preceded the growth of the European tournaments.

Cullis frequently was criticised for employing the long-ball style, but he had the players to make it pay, and in four successive League seasons his team scored 103, 110, 106 and 103 goals. Eventually, however, the method lost its effectiveness and Cullis was brutally dismissed. He then had a spell as manager of Birmingham before drifting out of the game.



Jim Holden has paid due tribute to this legendary figure in a book illuminated by many anecdotes and some splendid illustrations.

David Prole



THE BEST OF ENEMIES

David Downing
(Bloomsbury, £16.99)

THIS is a well-researched history of England-Germany matches over the past 70 years, written with a light touch by Downing, whose previous soccer work, *Passovotchka*, did so well last year.

Downing's stroll down memory lane is more than a mere rehash of assorted incidents. He allies his match reportage with a touch of the sociologicals and analysis of the press. There are also some excellent photographs.

Indeed, it's hard to find fault with this book. As far as soccer writing is concerned, Downing has played two, won two.

David Prole

ITALIAN ROUND-UP

NON c'e due senza tre – never two without three – runs the Italian adage and here are three recent books, all of them dealing more or less with Italian football.

The Day Italian Football Died *(Breedon, £14.99)* is a well-meaning effort by two committed amateurs, Alexandra Manna and Mike Gibbs. It is a labour of love with all the advantages and defects of its kind.

In May 1949, the plane carrying the triumphant Torino squad back from a friendly in Lisbon crashed into the Superga hillside, just above Turin, wiping out everyone aboard.

Where the two authors have researched, they have done so conscientiously, but the gaps in their knowledge are huge and sometimes quite embarrassing. They have scant knowledge of Vittorio Pozzo, for example, a crucial figure in the beginnings of Torino and in the rise and dominance of the national team between the wars.

As for the title, it makes no sense. Far from being finished, Italian football and the *Azzurri* rose from the ashes of Superga. By the following November their team was strong enough to outplay England in the Tottenham fog, even though they lost 2-0.

Nevertheless, the origins of the club, their successful team and players' backgrounds are all well described.

Arrivederci Swansea *(Mainstream, £9.99)*, by Italo-Welsh journalist Mario Risoli, is a commendably thorough biography of that remarkable phenomenon Giorgio Chinaglia.

Risoli tells Chinaglia's story with a wealth of anecdotes. His father, unemployed in his native Carrara, took nine-year-old Giorgio and the family to Cardiff, where he had found work in a factory.

After playing for Cardiff schools, Giorgio was signed by Swansea, where he locked horns with Glyn Davies, a manager who could neither abide nor understand him. Mind you, Giorgio was hard to handle, gambling away his money and eventually being reduced to stealing milk from doorsteps for his breakfast.

Chinaglia's career took wing after moving back to Italy, and he became a hero at Lazio, a big, powerful centre-forward with a mighty right foot whose goals went a long way towards bringing the club their first *scudetto* in 1974.

Lazio fans idolised Chinaglia, just as they so unfairly censured Paolo Di Canio, Rome-born and a Lazio fan, when he was deviously forced out to join Juventus.

In **The Autobiography** *(CollinsWillow, £16.99)*, the West Ham forward says he was almost crippled during treatment for injury in Italy and details how he stood no nonsense at Celtic.

And what of the push on referee Paul Alcock while he was at Sheffield Wednesday? "I didn't insult him, I didn't say anything; I was just angry."

Melodramatic, passionate, readable.

Brian Glanville

Libero ROUND-UP

Chilavert off to Strasbourg

PARAGUAYAN international keeper **Jose Luis Chilavert** has ended a nine-year stay at Velez Sarsfield of Argentina to join struggling Strasbourg. The 35-year-old has signed a two-and-a-half year deal with the French side, who stood second from bottom after 13 League games and had conceded 30 goals.

INTERNATIONAL INS AND OUTS

Chelsea defender **Mario Melchiot** won his first cap for Holland in the home World Cup qualifier against Portugal.

Veteran Romanian international **Dan Petrescu**, who has won 95 caps, was dropped from the squad to face Yugoslavia in a mid-November friendly.

OUT OF ACTION

Valladolid's Mexican international forward **Cuauhtemoc Blanco** is set to miss the rest of the season after damaging knee ligaments during Mexico's 7-0 World Cup qualifying win over Trinidad & Tobago.

A ruptured knee cartilage has ruled out Deportivo La Coruna midfielder **Fran** until the end of the year.

Keeper **Carlos Roa's** return to action with Mallorca has been set back by a shoulder injury that may keep him out for at least two months.

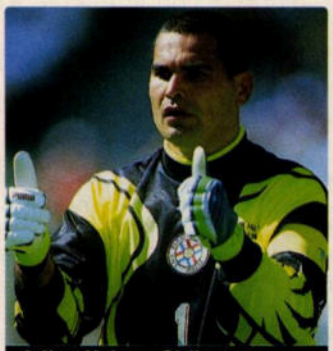
Michael Bridges' ankle injury, sustained playing for Leeds against Besiktas in the Champions League, will keep him out for four months.

Lazio's Argentinian forward **Claudio Lopez** will miss three months of the Serie A season after damaging knee ligaments.

Dinamo Bucharest and Romania midfielder **Florentin Petre** faces a six-month lay-off having contracted hepatitis C.

A knee operation will sideline Sporting Lisbon keeper **Peter Schmeichel** for two months.

Former Belgian international **Philippe Albert** has retired after failing to recover from a knee injury sustained in February during training with his club Charleroi.



Adios Velez...Chilavert

TRANSFERS

		FROM	TO
Clarence ACUNA	M	Universidad de Chile	Newcastle
Faustino ASPRILLA	F	Palmeiras	Fluminense (loan)
Igor BISCAN	D	Dinamo Zagreb	Liverpool
Vladimir BUT	M	Borussia Dortmund	Freiburg
Jose Luis CHILAVERT	G	Velez Sarsfield	Strasbourg
Jesper CHRISTIANSEN	G	OB Odense	Rangers
Stan COLLYMORE	F	Leicester	Bradford
Gilles DE BILDE	F	Sheffield Wed	Aston Villa (loan)
Robert DOUGLAS	G	Dundee	Celtic
Richard DUNNE	D	Everton	Manchester City
Ugo EHIOGU	D	Aston Villa	Middlesbrough
Martin JIRANEK	D	Slovan Liberec	Reggina
Slavisa JOKANOVIC	M	Dep. La Coruna	Chelsea
Zdravko LAZAROV	M	Slavia Sofia	Kocaelispor
Enzo MARESCA	M	Juventus	Bologna (loan)
Tressor MORENO	F	Indep. Medellin	Metz
Gary NAYSMITH	D	Hearts	Everton
Ben OLSEN	M	DC United	Nottm Forest (loan)
Predrag PAZIN	D	Levski Sofia	Kocaelispor
Maxym ROMASCHENKO	F	Moscow Dinamo	Gaziantepspor
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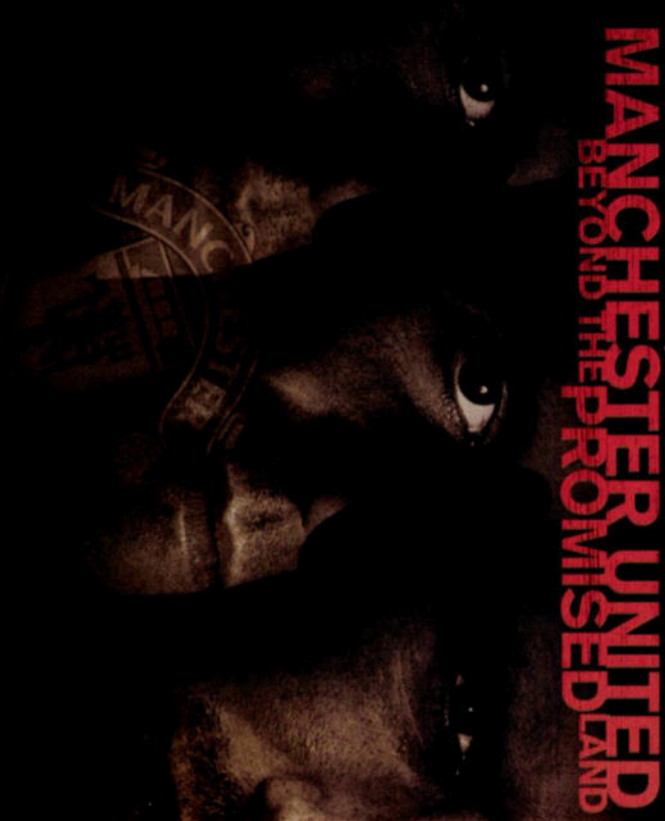


Victory signing...Eriksson

International rescue

Gavin Hamilton reports on the FA's bold bid to return English footba

SVEN GORAN ERIKSSON arrived in England for a whirlwind press conference as torrential rain lashed across the country, causing the worst floods for half a century. His mission: to rescue English football from drowning in a sea of mediocrity.

In his first meeting with the English media since being appointed to replace Kevin Keegan, Eriksson impressed with his intelligence, calmness and sense of humour. Significantly, in a country that won the World Cup 34 years ago, Eriksson also demonstrated his knowledge of football history.

"I can understand there are people saying England should have an English manager," he said. "We, in Sweden, had an English manager [George Raynor] at the World Cup in 1958 so why, many years later, shouldn't a Swede go to England?"

Eriksson will be paid an annual salary of £2million over five years, with a £1m bonus if England qualify for the 2002 World Cup.

"I didn't take this job for the money or the weather," Eriksson said. "I took it because England are a big challenge. I could have got more money if I had stayed in Italy or gone to Spain."

Eriksson was accompanied by the Football Association's chief executive, Adam Crozier, and the Arsenal vice-chairman, David Dein, who played a vital role in persuading the Swede to leave Lazio at the end of the season, although the FA hopes it will be earlier.

Crozier has emerged with credit from the whole affair, despite his initial, desperate, attempts to persuade Keegan to stay on after the latter quit following the 1-0 defeat by Germany in the last game staged at Wembley.

Keegan's abrupt departure had exposed the emotional brittleness of an inexperienced coach which many had feared from the outset. Keegan left England in the lurch, and technical director Howard Wilkinson immediately demonstrated his unsuitability for the post when he stepped in as caretaker coach. He selected a confused line-up, which failed to beat Finland four days later. The result left England bottom of Group 9, below Albania, with one point from a possible six.

The FA began its search for a successor by setting up a seven-man committee – dubbed the G7 – comprising Crozier, Dein, Wilkinson, Dave Richards (FA chairman), David Davies (FA chief press officer), Peter Ridsdale (chairman of Leeds) and Noel White (chairman, FA international committee).

Crozier insisted no stone would be left unturned in the search for the right man. The G7 drew up a list of selection criteria, which included, first and foremost, evidence of sustained success. This, claimed FA sources, ruled out Terry Venables, who had been hastily anointed as the 'people's choice' by the tabloid press. 'Integrity' was also included as one of the criteria, just in case there was any chance that Venables had crept back into favour with the FA.

> 'Sven was our No 1 choice. He's one of the best in the world. At no stage did we approach another manager'
> — *Adam Crozier, FA chief executive*

With Venables ruled out and most of the current crop of Premiership managers, including Sir Alex Ferguson, ruling themselves out, it was clear the FA was looking overseas. Nor would it be rushed into making an appointment.

With this in mind, Bobby Robson was approached with a view to taking temporary charge, starting with the friendly against Italy in Turin on November 15. Leicester's Peter Taylor and Manchester United assistant manager Steve McClaren would have acted as Robson's assistants. However, Newcastle chairman Freddie Fletcher blocked such a move, and the FA, somewhat taken aback, put Taylor and McClaren in joint charge for the trip to Turin.

Meanwhile, approaches were made to Eriksson and Arsene Wenger, although given Dein's key role on the G7 committee, it is highly unlikely that the FA would have obtained Wenger's release from Arsenal.

Roy Hodgson was said to have been the third man on the FA's shortlist, but he claimed not to have been

SVEN GORAN ERIKSSON FACT FILE

February 5, 1948 Born Torsby, Sweden

1975 Knee injury brings abrupt end to undistinguished playing career as right-back for Swedish Second Division side Karlskoga.

1976 Appointed coach of Swedish Third Division Degerfors and guides them to the top flight within three years.

1980-82 Joins IFK Gothenburg. Coaches them to Swedish League title, two domestic Cups and 1982 UEFA Cup.

1982-84 Coaches Benfica to two Portuguese League titles and a Cup in just two seasons.

1984-85 Arrives in Italy and joins Roma. Guides them to seventh place in his first season.

1985-86 Coaches Roma side pipped to Italian League by Juventus but wins Italian Cup.

1987-89 Resigns from Roma. Joins Fiorentina and steers them to eighth- and seventh-place finishes in Serie A.

1989-1991 Returns to Benfica and guides them to 1990 European Cup Final and 1991 League title.

1991-96 Back in Italy with Sampdoria, winning Italian Cup in 1994.

1997-98 Arrives at Lazio and coaches them to Italian Cup in his first season in charge. Lazio briefly challenge for League before fading in run-in. Reach UEFA Cup Final but are beaten 3-0 by Inter.

1998-99 Guides Lazio to their first

) the top table of the world game

approached, while the names of Johan Cruyff and Martin O'Neill were late additions to the speculation.

In the end, though, the FA got its man. "Sven was the unanimous choice and is without doubt one of the best coaches in the world, with an excellent record of sustained success," said Crozier. "At no stage did we approach any other manager."

He added, significantly: "Sven comes in with no bias towards any club or player," a reference to an alleged split in the England camp between players from Manchester United and Liverpool.

Inevitably, the appointment of England's first foreign coach attracted a tidal wave of tabloid hysteria. But Eriksson will have no problem ignoring the tantrums thrown by a handful of xenophobes.

Eriksson has survived – and indeed thrived – in hothouse atmospheres in Rome, Lisbon and Florence. His successes over more than two decades put Venables' brief success at Barcelona into perspective.

Critics of Eriksson's appointment have been quick to point to his lack of international experience, but the FA, for once, appears to have a long-term strategy. In recent weeks, Crozier and Wilkinson have been fulsome in their praise for the French system of managerial continuity (see opposite).

But before that system can be put in place, England need a coach who can get the best from mediocre players, then spot and utilise the young talent that is coming through.

No team has ever won the World Cup or European Championship with a foreign coach. But nor has any country been successful with such mediocre players as the Nevilles, Andrew Cole and Dennis Wise, nor with a team which changes tactics from one game to the next. Eriksson's biggest strength is as a tactician and organiser of teams.

His appointment is a hugely progressive step by the FA, which has now recognised the depths to which English football has sunk. Quite simply, there are no English coaches who are up to the job. Under Eriksson, the likes of Taylor and McClaren will gain the experience to become national coach themselves in the future. The rescue mission is in full flow.

European trophy, the Cup-winners Cup, but Lazio throw away six-point lead in Serie A in the spring and cede title to Milan by a single point on last day of season.

1999-2000 Coaches Lazio to League and Cup double, only their second *scudetto* and their first in 26 years. Lazio pip Juventus for title on dramatic final day of season.

October 2000 Appointed England coach, on five-year contract from July 2001.

Continuity counts

Nick Bidwell on the French formula for international success

Working partnership...Jacquet and Lemerre

FOR two-and-a-half decades France has played the continuity card when choosing the coach of its national team, with five out of six appointments being in-house affairs.

The first was that of Michel Hidalgo in 1976. He had served a two-year apprenticeship as assistant to national team boss, the Romanian Stefan Kovacs, and it proved an inspired move. Over the next eight years, Hidalgo's vibrant side put French football back on the map, reaching the 1982 World Cup semi-finals and winning the 1984 European Championship.

Long before Hidalgo departed in the summer of 1984, federation president Fernand Sastre had decided ex-international midfielder Henri Michel would be the next to lead *Les Bleus*. On ending his playing career in 1982, Michel joined the national coaching staff and before succeeding Hidalgo, led the Olympic side to gold in Los Angeles.

Michel led France to third place at the 1986 World Cup, but failure to reach Euro 88 put him on notice and a disastrous 1-1 draw in Cyprus in an Italia 90 qualifier spelt the end of his reign.

But there would be no appointment from within this time and former French playmaking great Michel Platini was brought in to replace Michel in the autumn of 1988.

While Platini had no coaching experience or formal qualifications, initially he worked wonders, guiding the team to eight wins out of eight en route to Euro 92. But in the finals, France flopped at the first round stage and Platini quit.

Not surprisingly, the federation subsequently reverted to apparatchik type. Platini's No 2, Gerard Houllier, was made national coach and after his side threw away qualification for USA 94, second-in-command Aime Jacquet got the nod.

Jacquet, of course, became a national hero by masterminding the 1998 World Cup triumph but at the time of his appointment, he was a far from popular choice in the media or among fans. Many wanted a fresh start with a proven club boss such as Luis Fernandez, Arsene Wenger or Jean Tigana.

Nor are the French rules of succession etched in stone. They did not immediately plump for his assistant, Roger Lemerre, when Jacquet stood down after France 98. The shortlist comprised Auxerre's Guy Roux, Tigana, Wenger, Fernandez and ex-Nantes coach Jean-Claude Suaudeau and it was only when each was ruled out that Lemerre rose to the surface.

The French selection process, however, has stood the test of time. No in-vogue club coaches, lots of success.

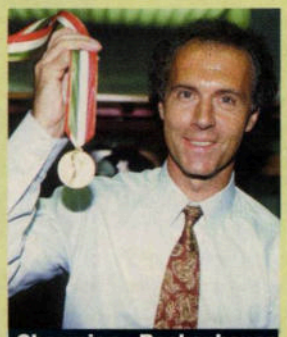
The most successful coaches of recent times

ROGER LEMERRE
France, Euro 2000
– Previous experience as assistant to Aime Jacquet at France 98

AIME JACQUET
France, 1998 World Cup
– Previous experience as assistant to Gerard Houllier during 1994 World Cup qualifiers

BERTI VOGTS
Germany, Euro 96
– Previous experience as assistant to Franz Beckenbauer

CARLOS ALBERTO PARREIRA
Brazil, 1994 World Cup
– Previously manager in 1982-83, also on staff as physical fitness trainer in 1970



Champion...Beckenbauer

RICHARD MOLLER NIELSEN
Denmark, Euro 92
– Previous experience as Under-21 and Olympic coach

FRANZ BECKENBAUER
West Germany, 1990 World Cup
– No previous experience

RINUS MICHELS
Holland, Euro 88
– Previous experience as coach of Holland at 1974 World Cup

CARLOS BILARDO
Argentina, 1986 World Cup
– Previous experience as coach of Colombia in 1982 World Cup qualifiers

MICHEL HIDALGO
France, Euro 84
– Previous experience as assistant to Stefan Kovacs

ENZO BEARZOT
Italy, 1982 World Cup
– Previous experience in charge of Under-23 side, then as team manager alongside Fulvio Bernardini

Settling for second best

BRAZIL: Brian Homewood on the search for a successor to Wanderley Luxemburgo

Hate campaign victim...Luxemburgo

WANDERLEY LUXEMBURGO has gone, taking with him his designer suits, his massive ego and his irritating habit of talking complete gibberish.

But relief at the departure of a man whose sheer arrogance alienated most of the nation was short-lived. After three weeks of utter confusion, during which a number of candidates declined the offer of working with the CBF, Luxemburgo was replaced by an unlikely double-act.

First, Antonio Lopes, a former policeman turned football manager and currently in charge of Atletico Paranaense, was given the newly-created post of 'technical co-ordinator'. Then, former international Emerson Leao was named team manager, effectively taking over from Luxemburgo but with less power.

Quite what this unlikely-looking pair has in store is anybody's guess.

Lopes, who suffered a failed attempt at a hair implant last year, looks like somebody has taken Jack Nicholson and stretched his forehead. Leao, who once appeared on billboards in Sao Paulo sporting only a pair of underpants as part of an advertising campaign, has also tinted his hair a reddish-orange colour which is as fiery as his temper. Both are noted for being volatile characters and neither is readily associated with the concept of *Jogo Bonito* (the Beautiful Game).

Leao, readers may remember, kept goal for Brazil at the 1974 and 1978 World Cups, was reserve in 1970 and 1982 and played over 100 matches for his country.

He retired in 1987 and immediately went into coaching where he acquired a reputation for building good, solid teams, notably at Santos, Atletico Mineiro and currently Sport Recife. On the minus side, he has never won any of Brazil or South America's most prestigious titles.

The good news is that Leao has promised to make Brazil play the artistic, carefree game which the world has come to know and love but which more recently has been elbowed aside in favour of efficiency and hard running.

"I like our roots," he said, referring to Brazilian football and not his hair. "I want a team that doesn't just win but which makes Brazilians happy. We have to make the most of the improvisation which God gave us."

Encouraging words. However, this approach would require an about-turn for Leao, whose teams have never been especially attractive to watch and have certainly never been contenders for any fair-play awards.

Leao's 1998 Santos team was particularly unsavoury, averaging 31 fouls a match and often with a punch-up thrown in. One of their games was delayed for 10 minutes when Santos players became involved in a fight with photographers behind one of the goals. In another match, the team celebrated a goal and protested furiously when it was disallowed even knowing, as they later admitted, that the ball had entered the net through a hole in the side.

In fact, Leao is exactly the sort of manager whom CBF president Ricardo Teixeira initially said he would avoid picking. After putting up with Luxemburgo and his 'me, me, me' attitude for more than two years, Teixeira said the new coach would be low profile, easy-going and not worried about his reputation.

But Leao is a volatile, bad-tempered and opinionated manager whose conduct during games, where he is usually to be found ranting at the referee, is often deplorable. He has been involved in numerous rows with reporters and directors alike. And like Luxemburgo, he has a very poor reputation in his dealings with big-name players.

Three years ago, he unceremoniously kicked World Cup goalkeeper Taffarel out of the team at Atletico Mineiro, and he seemed to spend most of a brief spell at Internacional last year conducting a personal vendetta against former World Cup captain Dunga. The veteran, spikey-haired midfielder was dropped, returned to score the goal that saved Internacional from relegation, then was shabbily dropped again.

For all this, most critics are prepared to give Leao a chance. "When Luxemburgo took over, we all thought he was going to do an excellent job," said *O Globo's* Fernando Calazans, "so maybe this time it will be the other way around."

Lopes' track record is similar to Leao's, though he has been around longer and won some notable titles. But he is certainly no exponent of the so-called Beautiful Game – his teams tend to retreat into defence as soon as they score a couple of goals. Three days after he was named by the CBF, Lopes' Atletico Paranaense gave a scandalously dirty performance in a Joao Havelange Cup match against Fluminense.

"It's never been so difficult to choose a Brazil manager. In the old days, it was a prize, a tribute and a privilege...the time when the offer was an honour has long since gone" – *Fernando Calazans,* O Globo

Thorny subject...Romario

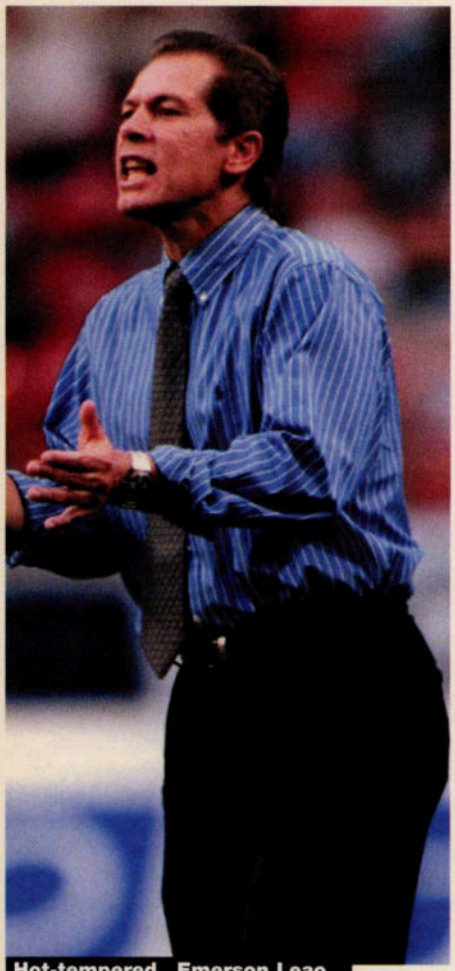
Although he has mellowed somewhat recently, Lopes, famous for wearing a 'lucky' green shirt which has never seen an iron to games, also has a fearsome temper and in 1997 was banned for 40 days for running on to the pitch during a match to protest to a referee.

Unlike Leao, who has extensive international experience as a player, Lopes has had little contact with the outside world, apart from his Libertadores Cup campaign with Vasco da Gama in 1998.

He appeared only for minor clubs in Rio de Janeiro as a player, when his income merely supplemented that from his main job in the local police force. Lopes had a promising career in the police, rising to be a detective before deciding to throw in his lot in the world of football coaching.

Both men will have to live with the fact that they got their respective jobs by default. The CBF originally asked Tostao, who played alongside Pele in the 1970 World Cup, and then Carlos Alberto Parreira to work as technical director.

"I have always criticised the way the CBF controls Brazilian football," said Tostao in his usual eloquent style. "The organisation is largely responsible for the actual mess that Brazilian football is in. It would



Hot-tempered...Emerson Leao

not be coherent to accept the invitation...I would not feel comfortable."

Once appointed, Lopes was given the brief of finding a team manager. His first option, and the people's choice, was Luiz Felipe Scolari, who has won a plethora of titles with Gremio and Palmeiras in the past decade. But 'Big Phil', now happily settled in to a new job with Cruzeiro, said no. Then Vasco's Oswaldo de Oliveira was approached, but he considered himself too inexperienced.

Finally, Leao agreed. Asked why he had picked Leao, Lopes sounded as if he had been looking for someone to coach a modest Third Division side rather than the world's most prestigious team. Competence was the watchword.

"He knows how to prepare a team technically and tactically. He is very competent without any doubt and he has a good curriculum," Lopes said.

"It's never been so difficult to choose a Brazil manager," complained *O Globo's* Calazans. "In the old days, it was a prize, a tribute and a privilege...the time when the offer was an honour has long since gone."

Many wonder whether the new two-man set-up will work at all. Lopes, according to the CBF, will have the right to interfere in the naming of the squad. Leao, fiercely independent, does not seem to be the type of person who will take this lightly.

The pair already disagree over Romario, one of the thorniest topics in the Brazilian game. "Romario has a permanent place in the team," said Lopes when he took over. "Romario will be picked if he's in form," said Leao on the day of his appointment.

The new system is aimed at avoiding a repeat of the Luxemburgo era, when several of Brazil's top players found themselves barred from the national team at the whim of the power-hungry coach.

Victims included Romario and even, at one stage, Ronaldo, sent home early from a tour to Australia because of a row with his club, Internazionale. The Luxemburgo blacklist also included Marcelinho Carioca, Ronaldinho Gaucho, Edilson and Edmundo. Others, such as Taffarel and Leonardo, decided they would rather forsake their international careers than work with him.

Luxemburgo was finally sacked following the disastrous performance of his Olympic team, who were knocked out in the quarter-finals by a Cameroon side reduced to nine men.

Curiously, he becomes the second manager of a South American national side to be sacked this year for performances with the Olympic side, Colombia's Javier Alvarez having been ditched following a 9-0 loss to Brazil in the South American qualifiers in January.

Luxemburgo went down in flames, amid admissions that he owed money to the Brazilian taxman and allegations from former business associate Renata Alves, which he has vigorously denied, that he took commissions on the sale of players during his days as a club coach.

He spent the next two weeks on a farm in one of Brazil's remotest regions contemplating what had happened to him. On returning to the public eye, he complained he had been the victim of an orchestrated hate campaign.

"I will return to the Brazil national team one day and I will be a lot more mature than I am today," Luxemburgo told the *Cartao Verde* programme on the Sao Paulo-based station TV Cultura. "I have been run over by a tractor. I was treated like a murderer and a drug trafficker for two months. I can't understand it, the way it was done. I just can't have so many enemies.

"She [Alves] talked, talked, talked, talked, talked and talked and didn't prove anything and she won't prove anything. She has made fools of the media...and she still hasn't presented any proof."

When told that Alves had sent a fax to the studio, Luxemburgo at first refused to let the presenter read it out. Then he defied his accuser to send a document proving her allegations against him. "If she has this document, send it to the programme and you can show it," he said. The document was not sent.

Although Luxemburgo seems to have been the victim of an orchestrated campaign, few people will miss him and his attempts to be sophisticated. Asked about his plans for the team on taking over, Luxemburgo baffled his questioners with what sounded more like corporate claptrap than the talk of a football manager. "Everything will be done according to a macro-plan," he replied.

The legacy of his reign was still there when Leao took over the reins. Two of the first questions he had to answer were: "Will you wear a suit on the touchline?" and "Do you owe any money to the Inland Revenue?"

THE MEN WHO SAID YES

EMERSON LEAO

Born 11.07.49

Former international goalkeeper who played for Sao Jose, Comercial, Palmeiras, Corinthians, Gremio, Vasco da Gama and Sport Recife. Played for Brazil in the 1974 and 1978 World Cups and was reserve in 1970 and 1982. Ended playing career in 1987 with Sport Recife. As a coach, has trained Sport Recife, Sao Jose, Palmeiras, Portuguesa, Coritiba, Juventude, Atletico Paranaense plus Japanese clubs Shimizu S-Pulse and Verdy Kawasaki.

A disciplinarian, his teams are always tough and competitive, though he has never won any of Brazil or South America's major titles. His only successes have both been in the now defunct CONMEBOL Cup, a competition which never caught the imagination. He won with Atletico Mineiro in 1997 and Santos the following year. In late 1999, he had stints with rival Porto Alegre clubs Gremio and Internacional, neither lasting more than one month.

ANTONIO LOPES

Born 12.01.41

Has coached Flamengo, Fluminense, America and Olaria in Rio de Janeiro, Internacional, Portuguesa and Parana, Cerro Porteno of Paraguay, Portuguese side Belenenses, and the national teams of Kuwait and Saudi Arabia. Known for his defensive-minded tactics. Was a police chief in the 1970s (and an extremely modest player before that) who gave up his career because of his love of the game to become a soccer coach. Most successful part of his career was recent three-year stint at Vasco da Gama, with whom he won the Brazilian championship in 1997 and Libertadores Cup in 1998 (Vasco also won the 1998 Rio de Janeiro championship). In addition, they were runners-up in the inaugural World Club Championship last January.

THE MEN WHO SAID NO

TOSTAO

After criticising the CBF; "I would not feel comfortable."

CARLOS ALBERTO PARREIRA

Has always said that he would not take the job again because of the pressures involved.

LUIZ FELIPE SCOLARI

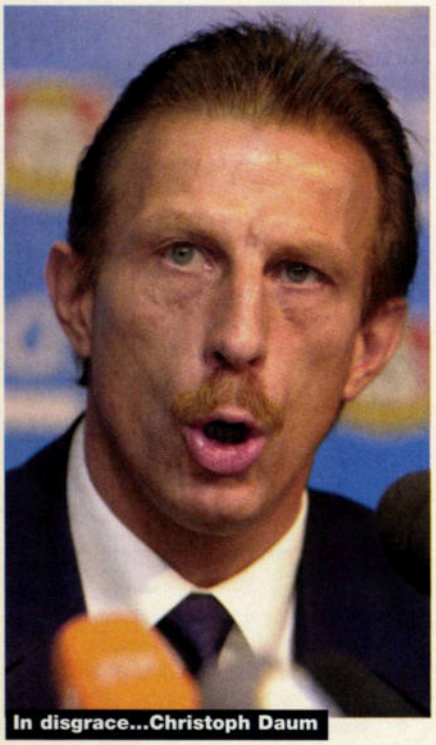
Recently signed a two-year contract with Cruzeiro which he intended to see out. He also said he was happy living in Belo Horizonte. He has said in the past, however, that the job involved being "politically correct" (i.e. being obliged to comply with the wishes of the CBF).

OSWALDO DE OLIVEIRA

Did not consider himself experienced enough.

Daum and out

GERMANY: Nick Bidwell reports on the failed drugs test that led to the German FA cancelling its agreement with the national coach-in-waiting



In disgrace...Christoph Daum

CHRISTOPH DAUM'S hopes of becoming Germany's ninth national team coach lie in tatters after failing a dope test.

The 47-year-old, who had been scheduled to take over from caretaker Rudi Voller at the end of this season, had voluntarily agreed to undertake hair, blood and urine tests in a bid to counteract rumours of narcotics abuse – chiefly articulated by Bayern Munich general manager Uli Hoeness. Few, if any, were expecting the bombshell that exploded on Saturday, October 21.

Analysis of strands of Daum's hair by a university laboratory in Cologne proved positive and with that short but not sweet bulletin, the German coach-in-waiting's bluff was called.

Not only would the German federation (DFB) promptly 'dissolve' its verbal agreement with Daum for him to become the next *Bundestrainer*, but it was also time for a parting of the ways with Bayer Leverkusen, the club he had steered to three Bundesliga runners-up spots in the past four years.

"This is a crushing blow for us," declared Leverkusen managing director Reiner Calmund. "I have consistently maintained that if Christoph had anything to do with drugs he could neither be our coach nor that of the German national team."

Daum's disgrace also served to damage the credibility of DFB president designate Gerhard Mayer-Vorfelder. Daum had always been his No 1 candidate for the national team post and despite all the rumours circulating this autumn about the Leverkusen coach's alleged unsavoury private life, Mayer-Vorfelder continued to publicly back his man long and hard.

"I am in a state of shock about these developments," he said. "I trusted Christoph Daum and believed his emphatic assurances that there was no truth to the reports of wrong-doing."

Daum, who swiftly skipped the country for a Florida hideaway, is now being investigated by German police for buying and possessing drugs and risks a five-year prison sentence. But where now for the DFB?

After Erich Ribbeck's disastrous stewardship and the nadir of Euro 2000, the federation has been delighted at the way caretaker Rudi Voller and his assistant Michael Skibbe have sparked a revival in the national team's fortunes – leading them to three wins out of three this season, against Spain, Greece and England. The DFB now aim to convince the pair to stay on at least until the 2002 World Cup.

But it is open to question whether Voller's employers at Leverkusen will play ball. They have already appointed him as their first-team coach until further notice – for the time being the DFB has no objection to his dual role for club and country – and hope their former Sports Director is the long-term answer to their prayers.

"Rudi Voller is under contract to us until 2003," reiterated Calmund. "The agreement was for him to end his duties with the national team next June and return permanently to Leverkusen. There is still sufficient time for the DFB to find a new national coach."

However, the hugely popular Voller may well find the pressure irresistible to remain with the *Nationalmannschaft*.

Whatever transpires, the Daum affair has left German football with a big mess to clean up. Once upon a time, there was a seamless line of in-house appointments at the helm of the national team; Sepp Herberger passed the baton to his assistant, Helmut Schon, who in turn was replaced by his second-in-command, Sepp Derwall. Now the chain of command is well and truly broken.

Daum had been a sitting target ever since the news broke last summer that he would be taking over the national team in June 2001. With Voller starting so well with Germany, and Leverkusen struggling for consistency in both Bundesliga and Champions League this term, questions were inevitably asked about Daum's suitability for an international appointment. Soon, the barbed comments of a personal nature were coming his way too.

It was bad enough when state prosecutors in Cologne revealed they were investigating him for fraud and embezzlement after a former business associate accused him of owing £1.3million from a property deal. But it was the inflammatory views of Hoeness, which appeared in the *Munchner Abendzeitung* newspaper that really lit the blue touch-paper.

In typical straight-talking mode, Hoeness alluded to Daum's alleged links with drugs, prostitution and criminals, and argued that if such reports were proven, the Leverkusen coach could not possibly be the next *Bundestrainer*. A furious Daum denied all the charges and said he would sue Hoeness for defamation.

At this point, the tide seemed to be turning in Daum's favour. Hoeness is far from the most loved figure in German football, while Daum's decision to voluntarily submit to a drug test appeared anything but the act of a guilty man. He also had supporters in high places.

Mayer-Vorfelder re-emphasised his faith in Daum, and German Justice Minister, Herta Daubler-Gmelin, also sprang to the Leverkusen coach's defence, saying: "It must not become a precedent that the accused has to prove his innocence. This affair smacks of the Dark Ages when heretics were plunged into a river and if they survived, they were believed."

> "I'm shocked. I trusted Daum and believed his assurances that there was no truth in the reports of wrong-doing"
>
> — *Gerhard Mayer-Vorfelder, DFB*

An apology from the *Munchner Abendzeitung* for misreporting the Hoeness diatribe was further good news for Daum and even Hoeness himself backtracked. "I never said Daum was taking drugs," he told a press conference. "Nor did I make any claims about him and sexual matters. I didn't start the mud-slinging. It was the media. My intention was not to discredit Daum. I never demanded he took a drug test."

But Daum did, and it proved his undoing.

THE CONTENDERS

RUDI VOLLER

Currently caretaker coach for club and country, under contract with the DFB until May 2001 and to Bayer Leverkusen (as sports director) until 2003.

OTTMAR HITZFELD

The most respected coach in the Bundesliga. Wanted by the DFB but under contract to Bayern Munich until 2002.

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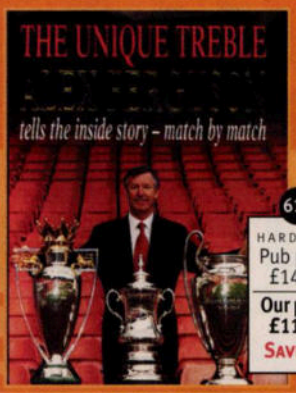

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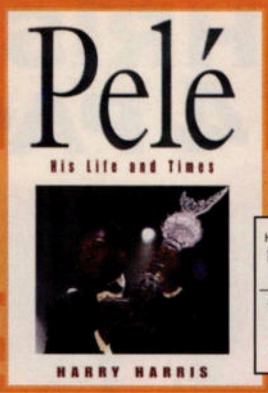

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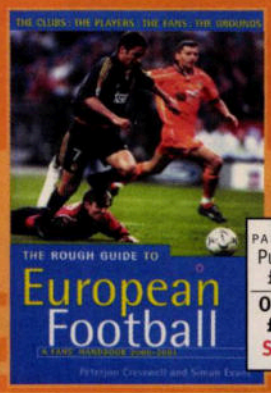

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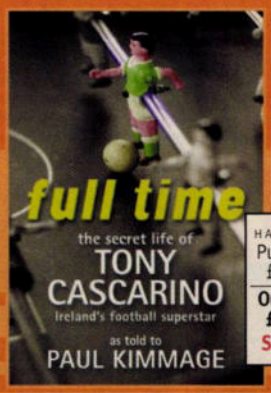

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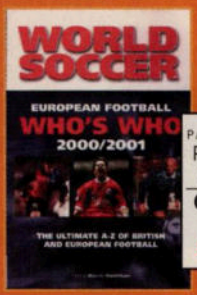

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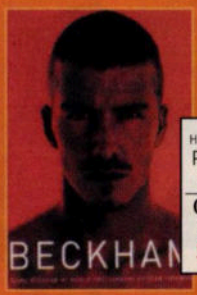

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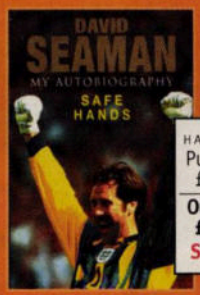

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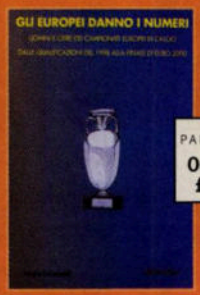

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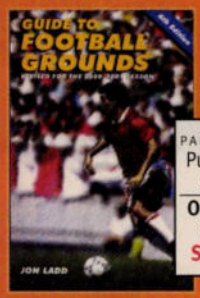

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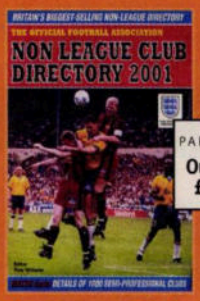

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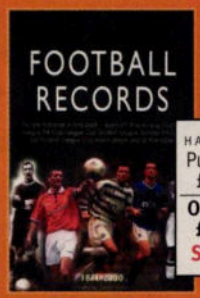

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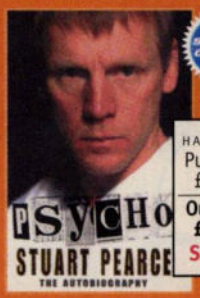

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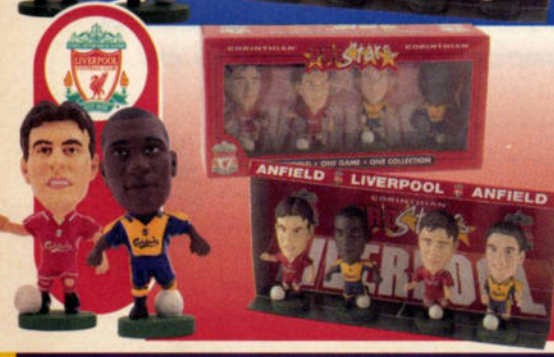

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'I don't feel the pressure'

After success at Euro 2000 and a summer move to Parma from Zaragoza, the Yugoslavian forward tells Dominique Antognoni about his positive outlook for the season

WORLD SOCCER: Savo, how's it been going so far at Parma?
SAVO MILOSEVIC: Perhaps it's a little early to try to sum up since I've only played in three League games and another two in the Italian Cup, but I can say that I'm pretty happy here, even though I've yet to score. Goals aren't only created by strikers; other players are always involved, and we are a side with many new players. So when I say I'm happy, I'm referring to how I get on with the club, and the other players, and the fact that we are improving as a team. The hard work is starting to show results.

For powerful players like you perhaps it takes a little time to get into the swing of a new side.
I may not have scored yet, but I have been helping out the team, and it doesn't follow that just because you score a goal you're always a useful member of the team. No player in the world scores all the time. At Parma there are other attacking players who are very capable goalscorers, so I don't have appalling levels of pressure upon me. That's a great position for a club to be in, to have that level of scoring talent.

Have you spotted any major differences between the Spanish game from your time with Zaragoza and the Italian?
Not really. It's true that in Italy defenders allow you very little space to move in. But the game is very different to how it was four or five years ago – the rules of football have changed. Defenders can't make any mistakes these days. If you're the last man at the back and you mess up you're in big trouble.

Today, players can play in teams all over Europe, and Italian defenders are coming to Spain – or at least, defenders who play in an Italian style – so national differences are becoming less obvious.

You know, it used to be unthinkable that there would be lots of goals in matches featuring Italian sides. But Milan and Barcelona have just drawn 3-3, to give a recent example.

But everyone says that in Spain football is a more attacking game – you only have to look at the number of goals scored by the strikers there. Top strikers have a tally of 25 and more per season.
That's true, but remember that in Spain they play four more games.

I saw Parma's first game of the season, against Fiorentina, and I was struck by the fact that a lot of your play was outside the area.
You can't play the whole game in the penalty area, just waiting there for the right ball to arrive at your feet. I know how hard it is to deliver a ball right into the area, so I go looking to get balls myself, and I also try to help out other players. Plus, I think I have the technical ability to play outside the area.

Johan Micoud, Sergio Conceicao and Marcio Amoroso are all good at setting up chances. You've never had so many assist-men.
The quality of players here is exceptional; that's why I'm sure I'm going to score plenty of goals.

Do you think Parma have a chance of winning the scudetto?
I think we could do it, and I'm not just saying that because I'm now a Parma player. The other contenders – Lazio, Juve and Milan – are all playing in the Champions League, a competition that is much tougher and more demanding than the UEFA Cup.

'If you score, it doesn't mean that you have played well. You don't train in order to score, you train in order to play well. Then goals will come to you'

How do you rate yourself as a player?
I'm good with my head, I've got a good left foot, the right is less good, but I'm working hard on it and it's improving. And you learn things all the time. For example, at Zaragoza we played with a 4-5-1 formation, and I was in effect the sole attacking player – I was alone in the penalty area. Here, though, there are two of us, Marcio [Amoroso] and me, and it's a new situation for me. I have to get my head around how this structure works and how to improve our communication and team play.

At Partizan Belgrade we used to play with two up front, Bjelkovic and me, but after all this time and with all the changes there have been in football, it's not quite the same thing.

You are being spoken of as the new Hernan Crespo [Milosevic's predecessor at Parma]. How do you feel about the comparison with such an excellent player?
It's normal for fans and the press to assess you in this way and to make comparisons. I've just got to concentrate on my own game. Hernan scored 25 goals in his fourth season in Italy, so it may take as long as four years before they learn to value me. How many goals did Crespo score in his first season here?

Twelve.
So if I score 13, they'll consider I've beaten him. It's the same at Zaragoza – Juanele, who has replaced me, is having trouble scoring, but we all have high expectations of him, don't we?

Why did you choose Parma?
After Euro 2000 I was waiting for Real Madrid or Roma or a number of other big teams to come in for me. I waited about six weeks and nothing was definitely decided upon. Time was passing, and then Parma stepped in and got it all sorted in just three days.

I was very taken with the fact that they wanted me so much, and they were very nice people to deal with, so I said yes straight away.

You were supposed to come to Parma in 1991, when you were just 18 and with Partizan Belgrade.
That's true, but the two teams could not agree on a price for me. It's a real shame. I'd have preferred Parma to Birmingham.

You've always said that your time in England with Aston Villa wasn't the most enjoyable.
Well, I have a certain outlook on life that I cannot change. I tried, believe me, but I couldn't really settle in. It was a very different world to what I had been used to; there was little to do, the people, the weather, the food – it was all so different and I simply couldn't adapt.

So, was it all bad in England?
Absolutely not. I was there three years and I played something like 120 games, 90 of them in the Premier League. For a boy of 21, that was very important. It's not everywhere you get to play that much at that level.

I didn't score very often in the League – only 28 goals in three years – but I gained an invaluable amount of experience.

It was said you had many worries and began to go a bit wild.
I think they confused me with somebody else.

I could have gone a bit wild, like so many boys of that age, but I was already married. Then my first child came along, Nicola, so how could I have gone out on the tiles every night? On top of all that, I'm a professional.

How close did you come to being signed by Real Madrid?
Very, very close – then they hesitated, and I said goodbye.

And Barcelona? You said it would be difficult to play there because you don't speak Dutch.
True, but that was just a joke. Contact was made with Barça, when Van Gaal was the coach, but it was just a question of putting the feelers out, nothing serious.

What about Juve? You once said you were not used to battling to get a place in a team. Is that why you didn't go to Turin?
Well it was also the fact that one of my best friends, Kovacevic, was already at Turin, and how could I do battle for a place with such a good friend?

Oliver Bierhoff recently said that a striker is a little like a goalkeeper – he must be sure of a regular team place, he must think only in terms of goals, have total composure, and be unafraid that he is about to make a mistake. Do you agree?
No. I consider myself no more and no less important than the next player, and I would only want my place in a team if I truly deserved it. If you score, it doesn't mean that you have played well. You don't train in order to score, you train in order to play well. Then goals will come to you.

Now, what about the 6-1 defeat by Holland at Euro 2000?
Everything went wrong. We arrived at the European Championship in bad physical condition, and that particular match was a tough one. It came after three games which we had played with 10 men, and that really does you in, physically and mentally. And then, with being 2-0 down at half-time, many of us came back on thinking it was all over. If only we'd had the fighting spirit.

Have the troubles in Serbia had any effect on your career?
At some points, very much so. When your family is in that situation you cannot help but think about the war. My whole family was still over there – my parents, my brother and sister, her husband. It was an awful, upsetting situation.

How are things now?
My mother passed away a year and a half ago, and the others live in Bosnia. But things are improving for them now. More than anything I want my family to be happy and safe. Football comes second only to that.

A few weeks ago you visited Belgrade and you took part in the demonstrations against your namesake, the then president. Weren't you able to take sides earlier?
No, Milosevic's henchmen were too powerful, and it would have been too risky. You would simply have been marching to your death.

During the recent derby between Red Star and Partizan Belgrade there was some dreadful violence and it seems that the hostilities have been brought on to the football pitch.
What you have now in Yugoslavia is a power vacuum and that allows certain elements to do whatever they want, in the hope of de-stabilising the situation. But they'll pay dearly for that and that sort will end up in prison. Their whole aim is to bring about chaos.

In Yugoslavian football, does Savo Milosevic have an heir?
It's a very good time for attacking players there. I have to say the old enemy, Red Star, have two great young talents – Pjanovic and Drulovic, both 22 – while Partizan have Iliev, who is just 19.

Why do Yugoslav players cost so much? Mateja Kezman cost PSV £10million, but Adrian Mutu, the Romanian, cost Inter only a seventh of that price.
If you look back, Yugoslavia has produced some enormous footballing talent. In the past 10 years alone, it has produced a whole generation of stars, such as Suker, Mijatovic, Boban, Prosinecki, Savicevic, Mihajlovic, Jugovic, Stojkovic. So when a club pays a lot of money for one of our youngsters, they are thinking he'll become as great a player as they are.

Fact file

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September 2, 1973, in Bijeljina, Bosnia
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Partizan Belgrade, Aston Villa (Eng), Zaragoza (Spa)
International debut
December 1994, v Brazil
International caps
51 (26 goals)
Honours
Euro 2000 Golden Boot (joint winner); Yugoslavian League 1993, 1994; Yugoslavian Cup 1994; English League Cup 1996

IN THE SPOTLIGHT: MARIO JARDEL

Brazil's forgotten man

Galatasaray's Brazilian striker could be the man to put the *Selecao's* World Cup campaign back on track

MARIO JARDEL is Brazil's forgotten forward. No matter how many goals he rattles home in European competition, the ripples rarely appear to shift any of the shoreline sands back in South America.

The striker, however, has not given up hope. That is why he wasted no time rejecting attempts to try to foist Portuguese qualification on him as soon as he started making waves there.

Even now, perhaps with more optimism given Brazil's chaotic campaign, Jardel has not given up hope of leading his country's attack in the World Cup finals in Japan and South Korea in 2002.

Jardel knows how it feels to be a world champion. He was a member of the Brazil squad who lifted the FIFA youth crown in 1993 and his hopes were rekindled when Wanderley Luxemburgo called on him for the opening tie in Brazil's present World Cup qualifying section. Luxemburgo, however, never appeared sure of his most dangerous attacking partnership and Jardel was dropped immediately.

Yet he remains confident of a recall, an attitude that owes everything to the facility with which he continues to score goals in Europe, albeit now with Galatasaray in Turkey.

Jardel says: "I know there are some critics back in Brazil who say I am 'too European' a player. But what does that mean? Of course, to score goals in Europe I have had to adjust to European football styles, both to take advantage of the passes my colleagues send me and take advantage of the mistakes or hesitations which my opponents make.

"But, surely, in the 2002 World Cup finals, half the other nations will be European? So the talents God has given me will be all the more appropriate. Isn't that correct?"

It's logical, at least.

Not that logic is an essential tool in football management. The problem is one of perception. Brazil's national team have suffered some of their more unhappy World Cups while under the command of coaches who favoured an amalgam of European and South American virtues.

But when they turn out in Japan and South Korea – and no one doubts that Brazil will make it – they could do worse than turn to Jardel. The tall centre-forward has burned with single-minded dedication to football ever since his teenage years playing for his home-town club, Ferroviaria of Fortaleza.

Jardel, born on September 18, 1973, rose at six every morning, first to attend school and then take the first of four different buses to attend training. Originally his talents at volleyball meant that he was handed a goalkeeping role. But not for long.

It soon became apparent that his special skill was putting the ball in the net, not keeping it out. Thus he earned a transfer to Vasco da Gama and a first professional contract, which he justified by selection for the Brazil youth team, by 82 first-team goals, and by making a significant role in a national championship victory. Some 68 more goals followed a big-money transfer to Gremio of Porto Alegre and further success in the Libertadores Cup.

Jardel's reputation spread across the Atlantic. Rangers wanted to take him to Scotland but were prevented by the tight restrictions then operating with regard to foreign players. Benfica thought that, as Rangers fell by the wayside, Jardel would fall into their hands. They were wrong.

FC Porto stepped in and, in the transfer market as in the League, left the fallen giants of Lisbon in their wake. In no time at all, Jardel was again a fans' hero. His goals took Porto to three Portuguese titles, earned him four crowns as League top scorer and secured him the Golden Shoe as Europe's leading League marksman in 1999.

Many record books list him as Golden Shoe winner last season as well. It was several weeks before the correction of a competition calculations error deprived Jardel – despite his 38 goals – of the prize and handed it, instead, to Sunderland's 30-goal Kevin Phillips.

In Portuguese League and Champions League, Jardel boasted 150 goals in 146 games – the sort of form that ensured the sort of transfer offer he and wife Karen could not refuse.

Quite why Jardel finished up in Turkey is one of those enduring footballing mysteries. Spanish, Italian and English clubs all looked at him – then looked away.

Perhaps their spies were fooled by the languid gait, the occasionally gawky style of running. Perhaps, too, success in Portugal is no longer the recommendation it once was. Jardel disagrees with the latter opinion, saying: "I scored a lot of goals in Portugal but the fact that Portugal reached the semi-finals of Euro 2000 surely proves the quality of their football. I was top scorer in the Champions League. That proves I can score goals at the highest level."

Galatasaray fans do not doubt it. In only his second Turkish League appearance he hit five goals in a 7-0 home win over Erzurumspor. He scored in six games in succession, went goalless in the disappointing 1-1 derby draw against Istanbulspor, then rattled off five more goals in two games.

It does not matter to Jardel how he scores, whether his goals are classic headers and shots or deflected off a knee or chest. Such pragmatism is perhaps one reason his image remains dimmed back home. A middle-class background may be another.

But if Brazil want to put their World Cup campaign back on course, surely they need above all the sort of man who says, candidly: "There are no such things as beautiful goals, only important ones."

Keir Radnedge

IN THE SPOTLIGHT: ANDRII SHEVCHENKO

The one that got away

Milan's Ukrainian striker has silenced the critics who doubted whether he would succeed in Serie A

FORGET Zinedine Zidane, Rivaldo and Ronaldo. Andrii Shevchenko is the greatest player in the world according to Valerii Lobanovskyi, the veteran coach of Kyiv Dynamo and the man who has done more than any other to put Ukraine football on the map.

Lobanovskyi is the soccer-scientist coach who secured Dynamo's uncontested place at the top of the Ukraine game and turned them into perpetual threats in European competition – including two triumphs in the now-defunct Cup-winners Cup.

The veteran boss discovered and groomed three generations of Ukraine players, going back to European Footballer of the Year Oleg Blokhin in the mid-1970s.

Even though Shevchenko abandoned Dynamo for the lucrative delights of Italian football with Milan some 15 months ago, Lobanovskyi has had no cause to change his mind about his latest protege's talent.

The coach, notoriously sparing in his praise of individual players, says: "Shevchenko is the best player in the world. Other players have outstanding specific qualities. Ronaldo, for example, has wonderful ball control with any part of his physique. But Shevchenko's greatness embraces all aspects of the game including the appreciation of the prime importance of the team."

Not everyone has agreed with Lobanovskyi's assessment. At least, not as early. Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger once discounted a bid for Shevchenko on the grounds that £12million was a "ridiculous" fee to pay for a then 22-year-old.

Middlesbrough once cast a big-spending eye on Shevchenko only for assistant manager Viv Anderson to comment that "he is similar to a number of other players already on our books".

Of course, football is full of stories about managers, coaches and scouts who failed to connect with the spark of potential genius within a young player making his way in the game.

In due course the centre-forward who aroused only cautious assessments from Premiership bosses was considered good enough for Milan to splash out £15m. Their reward was startlingly quick in arriving. Some 24 goals in 33 appearances last season was not good enough to bring the *Rossoneri* the Serie A title, but Shevchenko did claim the prize as top scorer in the League.

In fact, it was the first season in his senior professional career that Shevchenko had ended up without a club trophy of one sort or another. With Dynamo he won the Ukraine League five years in a row between 1995 and 1999 plus the Cup – thus securing the Double – in 1996, 1998 and 1999.

No wonder Shevchenko, who earned around 30 times the national average wage of £50-a-week in his final season at Dynamo, was once described as "king, national icon and standard bearer rolled into one".

At first, he was – publicly, at least – reluctant to face his foreign destiny.

"I don't think I'd feel as comfortable abroad," Shevchenko once said. "The only thing I want to change is my home phone number. I get tired of women fans calling me up all the time and then the police are always stopping my car – for autographs."

But no club from Eastern Europe can long withstand the hard currency temptation. Thus, not only was Shevchenko sold last year but Serhii Rebrov duly followed him abroad, to Tottenham.

Shevchenko made an instant impact in Italy, with two hat-tricks helping him towards a tally of 14 goals in the first half of his first season.

Indeed, since Italy reopened the frontier to foreign players in 1980, only two first-season imports, Brazilian Zico of Udinese and Frenchman Michel Platini of Juventus, had performed anywhere near so well. Zico, with Udinese in 1983-84, managed 16 goals in 19 rounds. One year earlier, Platini had underlined his class by topping the marksmen's chart in his first season in Serie A with 16 goals.

By comparison Brazil's Ronaldo claimed 10 goals in his first half-season with Internazionale, Marcelo Salas nine over the same timespan with Lazio, while the likes of Milan's Frenchman Jean-Pierre Papin, Argentinian Diego Maradona and Brazilian Careca, both with Napoli, all scored eight.

Shevchenko says: "To score goals, you have to be lucky even if the important thing is to play well. I do not worry about the goalscorers' chart. I just concentrate on the League and the team winning as many matches as possible."

His individual impact was amply demonstrated by a recent survey of Italian teenagers: they knew all about Shevchenko but struggled to distinguish between Italy's then President and Prime Minister.

Only one drawback about life in Italy has struck Shevchenko: he considers himself a second-class citizen because foreign team-mates with European Union acceptance have greater employment rights.

He says: "Players from the European Union and those countries with special connections such as Turkey have complete freedom of movement within the Union, but those from outside are subject to restrictions.

"There are limits on how many of us can play in the team in any one match and how many may sign for any one club. I don't understand how Russian, Ukrainian and Belorussian sportsmen are not considered equal with the rest? We are working in Europe just like the Italians, the French or the Germans but in every official document we remain foreigners and thus outsiders."

Shevchenko, as long as he keeps on scoring goals, should not have too many employment problems.

Keir Radnedge

ASIANCUP LEBANON 2000

Japan take the prize

Coach Troussier won his first continental title with a truly talented squad, writes Michael Church

JAPAN made up for their disappointment at the Sydney Olympics by holding off the challenge of defending champions Saudi Arabia to win the Asian Cup for the second time in eight years.

As the 2002 World Cup co-hosts continue their preparations for the big event in two years' time, Shigeyoshi Mochizuki scored the only goal of the game to give coach Philippe Troussier his first-ever continental title.

"It's important to take this Asian title," said a triumphant Troussier after the match. "I consider now that we are in the top 20 in the world and we will prove that through our football. We have some plans for the future to play against teams like France, Italy and Spain.

"It will be better to have this image now, to be in the top 20 and to help the nation for the World Cup."

The Final was only Mochizuki's second start in the tournament, being drafted in at right wing-back to replace the suspended Junichi Inamoto as Tomokazu Myojin moved into central midfield to fill the void left by the influential 20-year-old.

It's ours...Ryuzo Morioka shows off the Asian Cup

And it proved to be an eventful evening for the Kyoto Purple Sanga player, who gave away a penalty in the seventh minute when he hauled down Talal Al-Meshal only for Hamzah Idris, the top scorer in last year's Saudi Arabian championship, to miss the resultant spot-kick.

Twenty minutes later, though, Mochizuki had made amends when he latched on to Shunsuke Nakamura's free-kick from the left, stabbing the ball beyond Mohammad Al-Daeyea from close range to give Japan the lead.

The Saudis poured forward in the second half, with the introduction of Mohammad Al-Shlhoob at half-time proving to be key, as the defending champions went for the equaliser and revenge.

But their luck had run out and, with goalkeeper Yoshikatsu Kawaguchi in career-best form, Japan were crowned Asian champions, achieving the feat even without the services of Roma-based midfielder Hidetoshi Nakata.

"We still need the likes of Nakata but all of the players have proven their ability to respond to the challenge," said Troussier. "It was important to give a chance to my large group of players.

"I had 22 here and I think we have 40 players in total [who are good enough for the national team]. It's an interesting group of players for the future. The team is young. Everything is on the way up and we have an ambitious programme for the future."

Japan's performance in the Final belied their true talent, which had allowed them to wreak havoc earlier in the tournament.

In a dress rehearsal for the Final, the Japanese met Saudi Arabia in their opening game of the championship, hammering the defending champions 4-1 and signalling just how far Troussier has brought his young band of stars in the past six months.

That result provoked the typical knee-jerk reaction from the Gulf side, who sacked coach Milan Macala and appointed Nassar Al-Johar, his assistant, in his place.

The Japanese then went on to record an 8-1 win over Uzbekistan – a record aggregate score for the Asian Cup finals – while the Saudis struggled to a 0-0 draw with Qatar. However, just when it seemed the champions were due to relinquish their crown in the meekest fashion possible, they defeated Uzbekistan 5-0, although the scoreline was somewhat flattering.

After defeating Iraq 4-1 in the quarter-finals, Japan met their first real test in the shape of Bora Milutinovic's China.

Stride for stride...Myojin of Japan battles with Saudi Arabia's Hamzah Idris

The Chinese have never won the Asian Cup but they gave the Japanese a few jittery moments, coming back from being 1-0 down to lead 2-1. But Japan's midfield of Hiroshi Nanami, Inamoto, Nakamura, Hiroaki Morishima and Myojin combined to take control of the game, stepping up the pace to prove both their quality and their resilience. Two second-half goals from Akinori Nishizawa put the Japanese back in the lead – and into the Final.

Japan's 2002 co-hosts South Korea made it to the other semi-final by knocking out Iran, one of the tournament favourites. However, Huh Jung-moo's side struggled against the improving Saudis, eventually going down 2-1, and only the performance of striker Lee Dong-gook was deserving of any real praise.

But the wisdom of fielding the 21-year-old at all was widely questioned. Lee, who was only half-fit, has undergone two knee operations this year, and the Koreans are in real danger of destroying one of the most talented Asian players of his generation.

Lee at least had the consolation of hitting the only goal of the Third-place match, to seal Korea's best finish in the Asian Cup since they lost the 1988 Final to Saudi Arabia. The goal also made Lee tournament top scorer with six goals.

As for the Final, Troussier admitted his side had been lucky, despite dominating the tournament with their slick passing, movement, high-quality creative play and a new incisiveness in front of goal brought to the team by strikers Naohiro Takahara and Nishizawa, who both scored five times in the tournament.

"It was a great, great performance and Saudi Arabia were great finalists," said Troussier. "The Saudis can be disappointed but they have won it three times and now it's time for them to share the Cup with us. I promise to take care of this Cup for the next four years.

"I think French coaches are very lucky. When I say that I mean that at the last European Championship the French won and everybody remembers the Final against Italy and said it was a lucky win for France. So I think I can consider this to be the case tonight."

"It was a big, emotional challenge and we played with this [on our minds] all tournament. It was not easy and I'm very proud to win this Cup. We came here to get this trophy, it was our target and it is important for the development of Japanese football.

"This Cup will give us new energy, new petrol for our car. We need some power for the World Cup. During the whole 90 minutes my players were in trouble but I'm very proud to be the coach of this team. It's a great day for me and Japan."

RESULTS

Group A

12.10.00	Iraq-Thailand	2-0
12.10.00	Lebanon-Iran	0-4
15.10.00	Iran-Thailand	1-1
15.10.00	Lebanon-Iraq	2-2
18.10.00	Iran-Iraq	1-0
18.10.00	Lebanon-Thailand	1-1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
IRAN	3	2	1	0	6	1	7
IRAQ	3	1	1	1	4	3	4
THAILAND	3	0	2	1	2	4	2
LEBANON	3	0	2	1	3	7	2

Group B

13.10.00	South Korea-China	2-2
13.10.00	Kuwait-Indonesia	0-0
16.10.00	China-Indonesia	4-0
16.10.00	South Korea-Kuwait	0-1
19.10.00	China-Kuwait	0-0
19.10.00	South Korea-Indonesia	3-0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
CHINA	3	1	2	0	6	2	5
KUWAIT	3	1	2	0	1	0	5
SOUTH KOREA	3	1	1	1	5	3	4
INDONESIA	3	0	1	2	0	7	1

Group C

14.10.00	Saudi Arabia-Japan	1-4
14.10.00	Qatar-Uzbekistan	1-1
17.10.00	Japan-Uzbekistan	8-1
17.10.00	Saudi Arabia-Qatar	0-0
20.10.00	Saudi Arabia-Uzbekistan	5-0
20.10.00	Japan-Qatar	1-1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
JAPAN	3	2	1	0	13	3	7
SAUDI ARABIA	3	1	1	1	6	4	4
QATAR	3	0	3	0	2	2	3
UZBEKISTAN	3	0	1	2	2	14	1

Quarter-finals

23.10.00	Iran-South Korea	(aet) 1-2
23.10.00	China-Qatar	3-1
24.10.00	Japan-Iraq	4-1
24.10.00	Kuwait-Saudi Arabia	(aet) 2-3

Semi-finals

26.10.00	South Korea-Saudi Arabia	1-2
26.10.00	China-Japan	2-3

Third-place play-off

29.10.00	China-South Korea	

Final

29.10.00	Japan-Saudi Arabia	

Drive and ambition...Nanami gave forceful displays in midfield

Nanami back in favour

Michael Church on the Serie A reject who won the tournament's Most Valuable Player award

A FEW months ago, few would have believed it possible that Japan's Hiroshi Nanami would be lauded as one of the continent's finest players at this year's Asian Cup. Struggling at Serie A relegation candidates Venezia, the 27-year-old seemed to be out of favour at national level due more to his negative attitude than his lack of talent. Philippe Troussier had publicly castigated him at the Copa America last year and it seemed that Lebanon 2000 was the left-sided midfielder's last shot at earning a place in the Japan squad in the run-up to the 2002 World Cup.

If that was the case then Nanami grabbed it with both hands. In the absence of Hidetoshi Nakata, the Jubilo Iwata midfielder was, in tandem with Junichi Inamoto, the key to Japan's success. His drive and thrust in midfield gave him the air of a new man, while his defensive prowess showed a side to his game rarely witnessed before. Against Saudi Arabia in Japan's opening match, Nanami was responsible for setting up three of his team's four goals as they destroyed the defending champions; against Iraq, in the quarter-finals, he scored twice. He also earned Most Valuable Player awards in two of Japan's six games. On top of that, Nanami was named as the MVP of the tournament. But, more importantly for him, his performances have seen him earn the respect of his national coach. Troussier is more than satisfied with the reaction he has received from Nanami after throwing down the challenge to him.

Shunsuke Nakamura and Hiroaki Morishima also impressed in midfield, while the loss of Junichi Inamoto for the Final almost cost Japan the title that was so rightly theirs from the beginning. At the same time, powerful displays from striker Naohiro Takahara proved he has the potential to join the growing band of Japanese playing in Europe.

Others to shine were Korea's Lee Dong-gook, who finally showed what he was capable of at full international level, and Saudi Arabia's 19-year-old Mohammad Al-Shlhoob. The Al Hilal youngster hit a hat-trick against Uzbekistan and provided, in tandem with the equally impressive Nawaf Al-Temyat, the attacking thrust from midfield that the Saudis needed to get over their poor start to the tournament.

BEIRUT BRIEFS

FIRST FOR EAST ASIA

Japan were the first team from east Asia to win the title on the west of the continent, while their victory over Saudi Arabia was their second triumph in the tournament.

The Koreans won the first two Asian Cup tournaments in 1956 and 1960 but since then eastern nations have struggled; Israel won the trophy in 1964, Iran in 1968, 1972 and 1976, Kuwait in 1980, and Saudi Arabia in 1984, 1988 and 1996. Japan's previous victory came on home soil in 1992, when they defeated the Saudis 1-0 in the Final in Hiroshima.

TALEBI QUITS

Iran coach Jalal Talebi resigned after seeing his side knocked out of the tournament at the quarter-final stage by South Korea.

The Iranian federation are believed to be considering hiring a foreign coach, with disgraced German coach Christoph Daum reported to be in the running.

CHINA WINS 2004 RIGHTS

China has earned the right to host the next Asian Cup in 2004 after defeating Thailand by 10 votes to six at a meeting of the Asian Football Confederation's executive committee.

Iran had also been in the race to host the event but withdrew at the last minute to concentrate on bidding for the 2008 tournament.

The Chinese Asian Cup will be the first to comprise 16 teams, an increase of four on the current quota. The move has been backed by the likes of China coach Bora Milutinovic, who said he believed an increase in the number of teams was necessary because the Asian Cup is held only once every four years.

PROBLEMS FOR IRAQ

The Iraqi federation has been disbanded after the team's showing at the Asian Cup.

The government ordered the suspension of the association following the national team's 4-1 loss to Japan in the quarter-finals. Iraq had qualified for the knockout stages after defeating Thailand 2-0, drawing with Lebanon 2-2 and losing narrowly to Iran 1-0.

SKOBLAR OUT?

Lebanon's Croat coach Josip Skoblar looked set to lose his job after Lebanon failed to progress beyond the first round of the competition.

Playing in their first-ever Asian Cup, the Lebanese drafted in several foreign-born players who were deemed eligible to play for the country through the 'granny rule'.

The expatriates, three of whom were from Brazil, did little to help the Lebanese cause, however, with the hosts losing to Iran and then drawing with Iraq and Thailand to miss out on a quarter-final berth.

Federation general secretary Rahif Alameh said he held Skoblar personally responsible for the team's failure.

CROWDS NOT WOWED

Attendances may have been embarrassingly low during the tournament's early stages, but at least the Final, at the Sports City stadium in Beirut, attracted a capacity crowd.

The local organising committee threw open the gates to the public for the knockout stages of the competition but received a good response only for the decider, with many locals turning out to support Saudi Arabia.

It looked as if attendances would not be a problem after 55,000 packed the Sports City stadium to watch the opening ceremony and Lebanon's clash with Iran.

However, the arena was almost half-empty with five minutes of the game to go, as Iran cruised to a 4-0 victory.

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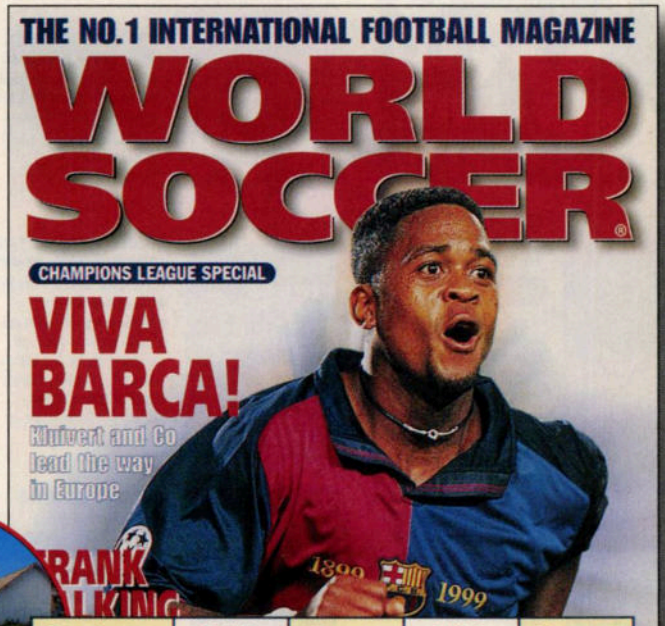

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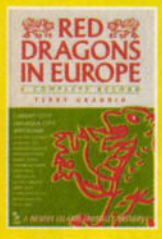

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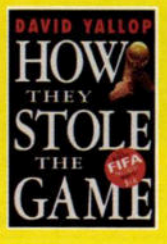

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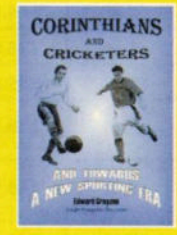

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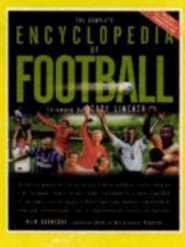

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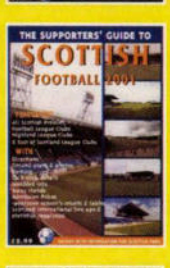

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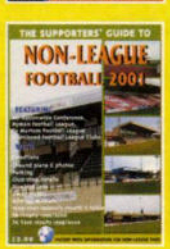

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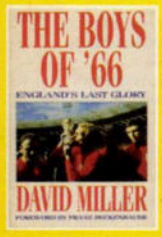

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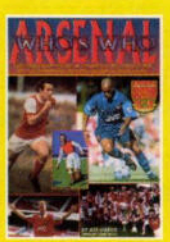

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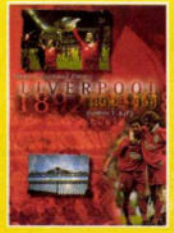

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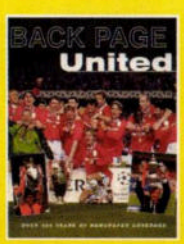

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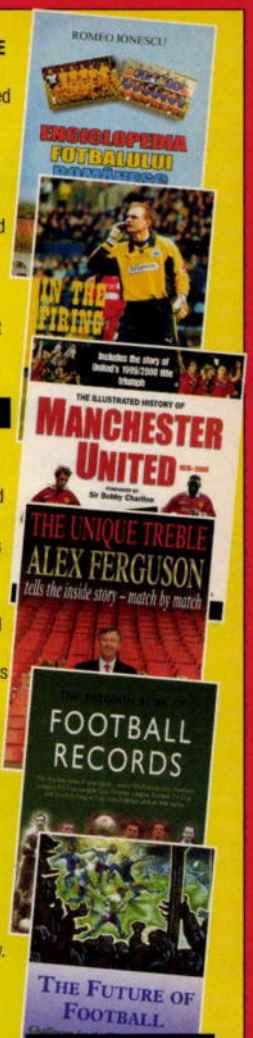

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Mine hosts welcoming back the big time

Nick Bidwell on the popular, traditional Ruhr Valley club who have rediscovered their winning ways

WITH their club perched proudly atop the Bundesliga for the first time in 23 years, Saturday, September 6, 2000, was a red-letter day for the blue-shirted followers of Schalke 04, the highly popular club from the industrial Ruhr region of western Germany.

Cue hearty celebrations in the watering holes in and around Schalke's home town, the old mining centre of Gelsenkirchen – and no one could begrudge them that top-of-the-table feeling. After all, apart from a surprise UEFA Cup triumph in 1997, Schalke fans have had precious little to cheer in the past two decades. Indeed, they felt the chill wind of relegation from the Bundesliga on no less than three occasions in the 1980s.

Potent force...Emile Mpenza

The Schalke party, however, was soon to wind down. One week and one disappointing home draw with Werder Bremen later, they surrendered top spot to Bayern Munich and many assumed the club would slip back into their habitual mid-table ways.

But even their first defeat of the season, a 2-0 reverse at Hamburg in round seven, did not take the wind out of the Schalke sails, and within a month they had plotted a course back to the No 1 position.

Unfortunately, Schalke's pre-eminence would once again prove a fleeting experience, a seven-day wonder, in fact. A 3-1 loss at Freiburg saw them slide down to third place, with Bayern and Hertha Berlin sweeping past them.

A re-run of the Schalke glory days of the 1930s – when they won four championships – remains a long shot; Bayern Munich, Leverkusen and Hertha all boast squads with considerably more strength in depth. But if Schalke continue to play with the same fire and purpose which brought them five wins in their first nine games of this season, a Champions League berth has to be within their compass.

Certainly Schalke's impressive 4-0 win at bitter Ruhr rivals Borussia Dortmund in September was by any standards an eloquent statement of intent. Dortmund, too, had begun the new campaign in some style, but simply had no answer to a brilliant Schalke counter-attacking display inspired by playmaker Andy Moller – the former Dortmund icon who controversially switched camps last summer – and razor-sharp front-runners Emile Mpenza, of Belgium, and Dane Ebbe Sand.

It was Schalke's biggest win on Dortmund soil and its significance was not lost on the derby day victors.

"To win by such a convincing margin on the ground of a strong team like Dortmund can only boost our confidence," declared Sand. "This was an afternoon which both Schalke players and supporters will remember for a long time."

The Schalke revival has been a bolt from the blue. Indeed, as recently as the summer, the outlook was grim. A host of key players – sweeper Olaf Thon, defensive marker Yves Eigenrauch, midfielder Sven Kmetsch and Dutch forward Youri Mulder – were on the injured list, influential Belgian attacking midfielder Marc Wilmots left for Bordeaux only a fortnight after signing a new contract, persistent rumours linked Mpenza with a move to the English Premiership or Rangers, while many fans were grumbling about the signing of Moller.

'I'm not blind to our failings but attitudes have changed. The players no longer find bad results acceptable' – Huub Stevens

Nor was Schalke's Dutch coach, Huub Stevens, in anything like a position of force. In his first season at the club, 1996-97, he earned mass adoration by steering a team of journeymen, dubbed the

'Euro Fighters', to that against-the-odds triumph in the UEFA Cup.

But with Schalke failing to qualify for Europe in either of the past two seasons – they finished 14th last term and 10th in 1998-99 – and the team widely perceived as sterile and predictable, the fans turned against him. Indeed, only the stubbornness of general manager Rudi Assauer saved Stevens from the sack.

However, when the new campaign got under way, the coach's flexible 3-5-2 formation immediately clicked into high gear, Moller's majestic performances at the midfield controls won over those who saw him as the enemy within, and Mpenza stayed put to continue his excellent partnership up front with Sand.

"I could not claim that the last couple of seasons have been anything but failures, but, for me, Stevens was always the man for the situation," says Assauer.

"It was not his fault that we had so many injuries and that every individual mistake by a player seemed to end up with us conceding a goal. I rate him as a coach and every day he's learning."

Mpenza, Sand and Moller may be the leading lights, but there is a strong supporting cast at the club too. Moller's flair is perfectly complemented in the team's engine-room by the energy and good support play of young Dutchman Niels Oude Kamphuis and wise old Czech birds Radoslav Latal and Jiri Nemec.

Left-sided Jorg Bohme has been a revelation since arriving at the club in the close season from relegated Arminia Bielefeld, snatching the headlines with a pair of magnificent long-range goals in a recent 4-0 win at home to Eintracht Frankfurt.

The defence has also stood up well, conceding only five goals in the first eight games of the season. No Bundesliga keeper made a better start than veteran Oliver Reck, and the three-man back-line of Polish internationals Tomasz Hajto and Tomasz Waldoch, plus the Belgian Nico Van Kerckhoven, has looked generally solid.

"We've begun the season well, the pressure is off us to a degree and the fear of making mistakes has eased," says Stevens. "But I'm not blind to our failings. There are areas to be worked on, in both defence and attack. When we won the UEFA Cup in 1997, our team was made up of players who were at their peak or even past their best, and since then I've had to rebuild. Younger players have come in and the rejuvenation process is still not complete.

"Even so, we are in good shape. We have a well-balanced squad and the players are performing with much more intelligence and self-belief than in the past. Attitudes have changed. The players no longer find bad results acceptable."

Next summer the club will swap their present Parkstadion home for the new, 61,000-capacity Schalke Arena, and the odds are that they will have a team to match the state-of-the-art surroundings.

● *Squad pen pics are over the page.*

Winning over fans...Andy Moller

The Ruhr: bedrock of the German game

Home boys...but Schalke will say farewell to the Parkstadion next summer

THE RUHR region of western Germany, a sprawling conurbation stretching 60km east to west and 30km north to south, is both the country's industrial heartland and football hotbed.

With the game's roots deeply embedded in working-class culture, it is logical that this region, the most industrialised in Europe, where mines, steel foundries, chemical plants and textile works used to reign supreme, should boast a high concentration of big-name German football clubs.

Sadly, recession has savaged the Ruhr's economic well-being in recent years and only a fraction of the mines and factories still survive. But in football terms, the region continues to prosper. The area's two biggest clubs, Borussia Dortmund and Schalke, have been in the upper reaches of the Bundesliga all season and both are candidates for Champions League berths.

Both have proud winning traditions – Dortmund have five national League titles and have won both the Cup-winners Cup (1966) and Champions League (1997); Schalke have seven German championships and were UEFA Cup winners in 1997. It is no coincidence that they are two of the best-supported clubs in the country – Dortmund were top of the attendance pops last season with an average gate of 62,000; Schalke were sixth with 39,000.

By contrast, the Ruhr's other current Bundesliga tenants, newly-promoted Bochum, are not nearly so ambitious. They have been flitting between the top flight and the Second Division for the past seven years and survival in the elite is their only objective.

The Second Division has two Ruhr offspring: Duisburg – who finished bottom of the Bundesliga last season and whose poor results so far this season indicate they have yet to get over the shock – and promotion hopefuls Rot-Weiss Oberhausen, led by go-getter president Hermann Schulz.

In the third tier, the part-time regional leagues, are a trio of Ruhr clubs who have fallen on hard times. Wattenscheid, the second club of Bochum, were in the Bundesliga as recently as 1993-94; KFC Uerdingen from Krefeld (formerly Bayer Uerdingen) were Cup winners in 1985, but dropped like a stone when the Bayer chemical conglomerate stopped backing them a decade later; while Rot-Weiss Essen were once one of the country's premier clubs, winning the national championship in 1955 inspired by Helmut Rahn. He was the scorer of two of West Germany's goals in their 3-2 victory over Hungary in the 1954 World Cup Final.

THE COACH

Huub STEVENS
Born: 29.11.53
Formerly in charge of the PSV Eindhoven youth section and the first team of Roda JC, the Dutchman took over from Hubert Neu in the autumn of 1996. The following year he guided them to UEFA Cup triumph and is now their longest-serving coach after completing four years last month. Enjoyed a fine playing career, starring in defence for Fortuna Sittard and PSV and winning 18 caps for Holland.

GOALKEEPERS

Oliver RECK
27.02.65
Arguably the most impressive keeper in the Bundesliga this season. Joined in summer 1998, having spent the bulk of his career at Werder Bremen, whom he helped win two Bundesliga titles, two German Cups and the Cup-winners Cup, though he did miss the Final of the latter due to suspension. Unlucky to have earned only one cap for Germany.

Frode GRODAS (Nor)
24.10.64
Former Norwegian international who was recruited in summer 1998 when Reck was sidelined with a shoulder injury. However, he never performed well enough to be regarded as a regular first choice. Premiership experience with Chelsea and Tottenham.

DEFENDERS

Yves EIGENRAUCH
24.04.71
Versatile defender equally at home as a marker in a three-man unit or at full-back in a back four. Signed in 1990 from Arminia Bielefeld and is a huge crowd favourite thanks to his all-action style. Recently troubled by an ankle injury.

Tomasz HAJTO (Pol)
16.10.72
Uncompromising Polish international centre-back who has settled in well following a close-season move from relegated Duisburg and has even managed to staunch the flow of yellow cards he has received in the past couple of years. His long throw is a major attacking weapon.

Markus HAPPE
11.02.72
Uncomplicated, tenacious stopper who was a first-team regular for six years at Leverkusen before moving mid-way through last season. However, the former Under-21 player has been on the bench for most of this term.

Olaf THON
01.05.66
Veteran sweeper or deep-lying midfielder still has exceptional technique and a superior football brain, but has suffered more than his fair share of injuries of late. Capped 40 times for Germany and the most experienced professional in the country – 434 Bundesliga matches for Schalke and Bayern Munich up to the start of this season.

Nico VAN KERCKHOVEN (Blg)
14.12.70
Lanky, pacy Belgian international who began his career as a left-sided midfielder but is now being used by Schalke on the left of their three-man defence. Bought for £1.2million from Belgian side Lierse two years ago.

Exceptional...Olaf Thon

Tomasz WALDOCH (Pol)
10.05.71
Polish international and key man at the back, the central figure and organiser of defensive triumvirate. Began his career with Gornik Zabrze and spent five years in Germany with Bochum before arriving at Schalke in summer 1999. Very comfortable on the ball, strong in the air and in the tackle.

MIDFIELDERS

Jorg BOHME
22.01.74.
Dynamic left-sided midfielder signed from relegated Arminia Bielefeld in the close season and such has been his impact that he is now being touted for a spot in the German national team. Wiry but full of hustle and bustle.

Michael BUSKENS
19.03.68
Ever-willing left wing-back noted for his rampaging forward runs. With Schalke since 1992 and has played 220 games for them, but has not been a first-team regular for the past two years and went on loan to Duisburg last season. Now back and on the bench.

Sven KMETSCH
13.08.70
Busy, tactically-aware defensive midfielder who was close to winning a first cap for Germany some three years ago. But since moving to Schalke from Hamburg in summer 1998, a loss of form and recurrent knee problems have conspired against him.

Radoslav LATAL (Cze)
06.01.70
Czech international and an integral part of the Schalke line-up since arriving from Sigma Olomouc in 1994. Able to play in a variety of positions in midfield or at the back, but probably at his most effective on the right of midfield. An unsung hero, he always gets the job done with a minimum of fuss.

Andreas MOLLER
02.09.67
Last season was the worst of his career – a string of injuries restricted him to just 18 Bundesliga games for Borussia Dortmund and only three goals was a pitiful tally for an attacking midfielder of his calibre. The widely-held view was that Moller was one of yesterday's men, but a move to Schalke last summer has clearly rekindled his desire and he has been outstanding this season. His once-explosive pace may have gone but he still has the intelligence and craft to adroitly pull the strings. Has won it all: World Cup, European Championship, Champions League and Bundesliga.

Jiri NEMEC (Cze)
15.05.66
Gritty, hyperactive midfield fetcher and carrier who looked set to return to his Czech Republic homeland earlier this year to play for Sparta Prague. Then Schalke had second thoughts about letting him go and pulled the plug on the deal. Nemec is now in his eighth season with the club, and remains as consistent and competitive as ever.

Niels OUDE KAMPHUIS (Hol)
14.11.77
Fast-improving young Dutchman who has become a permanent fixture on the right side of midfield since arriving from Twente Enschede at the start of last season. Has good technique and support play, lots of energy and application, though he doesn't score enough goals.

Impact...Jorg Bohme

FORWARDS

Gerald ASAMOAH
03.10.78
Ghana-born, Germany-raised striker who was a prolific marksman in the Second Division for Hannover, but managed only four goals last season following his transfer to Schalke. Now finds himself on the bench.

Emile MPENZA (Blg)
04.07.78
Belgian international who signed for Schalke last December from Standard Liege in a £6million deal, but seemed set to move in the summer after catching the eye with his extreme pace and opportunism at Euro 2000. However, the Schalke management pulled down the shop blinds, and before a hamstring injury flared in October, Mpenza was in blistering form, with six goals in as many starts.

Youri MULDER (Hol)
23.03.69
Dutch international who has been plagued with knee trouble over the past two years and is currently feeling his way back into the matchday scene, invariably as a substitute. A powerful bustling type of front-man, signed from Twente Enschede in 1993.

Ebbe SAND (Den)
19.07.72
The Dane has certainly given full value for money since arriving from Brondby in June last year, becoming the club's top scorer last season with 14 goals and continuing in the same potent vein this term. Good first touch, graceful and a natural finisher.

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ENGLAND

ARSENAL

GOALKEEPERS

24	John LUKIC	11.12.60
13	Alex MANNINGER (Aut)	04.06.77
1	David SEAMAN	19.09.63
31	Stuart TAYLOR	28.11.80

DEFENDERS

6	Tony ADAMS	10.10.66
29	Ashley COLE	20.12.80
2	Lee DIXON	17.03.64
18	Gilles GRIMANDI (Fra)	11.11.70
	David GRONDIN (Fra)	08.05.80
5	Martin KEOWN	24.07.66
22	Oleh LUZHNYI (Ukr)	05.08.68
3	Igors STEPANOVS (Lat)	21.01.76
20	Matthew UPSON	18.04.79
23	Nelson VIVAS (Arg)	18.10.69
32	Rhys WESTON (Wal)	27.10.80

MIDFIELDERS

12	LAUREN Etame-Mayer (Cam)	19.01.77
8	Fredrik LJUNGBERG (Swe)	16.04.77
19	Stefan MALZ (Ger)	15.06.72
38	Alberto MENDEZ Rodriguez (Ger)	24.10.74
15	Ray PARLOUR	07.03.73
7	Robert PIRES (Fra)	29.01.73
16	SILVINHO (Bra)	12.04.74
30	Paolo VERNAZZA	01.11.79
4	Patrick VIEIRA (Fra)	26.06.76

FORWARDS

28	Graham BARRETT (Ire)	06.10.81
10	Dennis BERGKAMP (Hol)	18.05.69
14	Thierry HENRY (Fra)	17.08.77
25	Nwankwo KANU (Nig)	01.08.76
36	Jermaine PENNANT	15.01.83
11	Sylvain WILTORD (Fra)	10.05.74
27	Christopher WREH (Lbr)	14.05.75

MANAGER

Arsene WENGER (Fra)

ASTON VILLA

GOALKEEPERS

13	Neil CUTLER	03.09.76
39	Peter ENCKELMAN (Fin)	10.03.77
40	Matthew GHENT	05.10.80
1	David JAMES	01.08.70

DEFENDERS

16	ALPAY Ozalan (Tur)	29.05.73
15	Gareth BARRY	23.02.81
30	Jonathan BEWERS	10.09.82
2	Mark DELANEY (Wal)	13.05.76
23	Najwan GHRAYIB (Isr)	30.01.74
31	J Lloyd SAMUEL	29.03.81
4	Gareth SOUTHGATE	03.09.70
3	Alan WRIGHT	28.09.71

MIDFIELDERS

6	George BOATENG (Hol)	05.09.75
29	Stephen COOKE	15.02.83
14	David GINOLA (Fra)	25.01.67
17	Lee HENDRIE	18.05.77
24	John McGRATH	27.03.80
10	Paul MERSON	20.03.68
27	Michael STANDING	20.03.81
18	Steve STONE	20.08.71
7	Ian TAYLOR	04.06.68

FORWARDS

11	Gilles DE BILDE (Blg)	09.06.71
9	Dion DUBLIN	22.04.69
12	Julian JOACHIM	20.09.74
20	Luc NILIS (Blg)	25.05.67
22	Darius VASSELL	13.06.80
19	Richard WALKER	08.11.77

MANAGER

John GREGORY

BRADFORD CITY

GOALKEEPERS

17	Aidan DAVISON (NI)	11.05.68
13	Matt CLARKE	03.11.73
1	Gary WALSH	21.03.68

DEFENDERS

20	Peter ATHERTON	06.04.70
23	Mark BOWER	23.01.80
18	Gunnar HALLE (Nor)	11.08.65
22	Wayne JACOBS	03.02.69
3	Andy MYERS	03.11.73
2	Ian NOLAN (NI)	09.07.70
14	Andrew O'BRIEN (Ire)	29.06.79
26	Dan PETRESCU (Rom)	22.12.67
5	David WETHERALL	14.03.71

MIDFIELDERS

11	Peter BEAGRIE	28.11.65
31	Adam HARDY	22.02.83
30	David HOPKIN (Sco)	21.08.70
25	Scott KERR	11.12.81
7	Jamie LAWRENCE	08.03.70
4	Stuart McCALL (Sco)	10.06.64
16	Lee SHARPE	27.05.71
6	Gareth WHALLEY	19.12.73

FORWARDS

8	Robbie BLAKE	04.03.76
10	Benito CARBONE (Ita)	14.08.71
28	Stan COLLYMORE	22.01.71
24	Gareth GRANT	06.09.80
19	Isaiah RANKIN	22.05.78
21	Dean SAUNDERS (Wal)	21.06.64
9	Ashley WARD	24.11.70
15	Dean WINDASS	01.04.69

MANAGER

Chris HUTCHINGS

CHARLTON

GOALKEEPERS

13	Sasa ILIC (Yug)	18.07.72
1	Dean KIELY (Ire)	10.10.70
22	Ben ROBERTS	22.06.75

DEFENDERS

23	Anthony ALLMAN	14.12.80
12	Steve BROWN	06.12.73
24	Jonathan FORTUNE	23.08.80
2	Radostin KISHISHEV (Bul)	30.07.74
18	Paul KONCHESKY	15.05.81
3	Chris POWELL	08.09.69
5	Richard RUFUS	12.01.75
16	Greg SHIELDS (Sco)	21.08.76
6	Carl TILER	11.02.70
19	Andy TODD	21.09.74
15	Eddie YOUDS	03.05.70

MIDFIELDERS

31	Karim BAGHERI (Irn)	20.02.74
27	Kemal IZZET	29.09.80
20	Claus JENSEN (Den)	29.04.77
8	Mark KINSELLA (Ire)	12.08.72
7	Shaun NEWTON	20.08.75
17	Scott PARKER	13.10.80
11	John ROBINSON (Wal)	29.08.71
4	Graham STUART	24.10.70

FORWARDS

25	Leigh HALES	01.05.81
9	Andy HUNT	09.06.70
21	Jonatan JOHANSSON (Fin)	16.08.75
29	Kevin LISBIE	17.10.78
30	Charlie MacDONALD	13.02.81
10	Clive MENDONCA	09.09.68
14	Martin PRINGLE (Swe)	18.11.70
28	John SALAKO	11.02.69
26	Mathias SVENSSON (Swe)	24.09.74

MANAGER

Alan CURBISHLEY

CHELSEA

GOALKEEPERS

23	Carlo CUDICINI (Ita)	06.09.73
1	Ed DE GOEY (Hol)	20.12.66
13	Kevin HITCHCOCK	05.10.62

DEFENDERS

3	Celestine BABAYARO (Nig)	29.08.78
7	Winston BOGARDE (Hol)	22.10.70
6	Marcel DESAILLY (Fra)	07.09.68
17	Albert FERRER (Spa)	06.06.70
34	Jon HARLEY	26.09.79
4	Jes HOGH (Den)	07.05.66
14	Graeme LE SAUX	17.10.68
5	Frank LEBOEUF (Fra)	22.01.68
15	Mario MELCHIOT (Hol)	04.11.76
2	Christian PANUCCI (Ita)	12.04.73
26	John TERRY	07.12.80

MIDFIELDERS

27	Rati ALEKSIDZE (Geo)	06.08.78
18	Gabriele AMBROSETTI (Ita)	07.08.73
24	Samuele DALLA BONA (Ita)	06.02.81
16	Roberto DI MATTEO (Ita)	29.05.70
10	Slavisa JOKANOVIC (Yug)	16.08.68
21	Bernard LAMBOURDE (Fra)	11.05.71
20	Jody MORRIS	22.12.71
33	Luca PERCASSI (Ita)	25.08.80
8	Gustavo POYET (Uru)	15.11.67
12	Mario STANIC (Cro)	10.04.72
11	Dennis WISE	16.12.66

FORWARDS

19	Tore Andre FLO (Nor)	15.06.73
22	Eidur GUDJOHNSEN (Ice)	15.09.78
9	Jimmy Floyd HASSELBAINK (Hol)	27.03.72
25	Gianfranco ZOLA (Ita)	05.07.66

MANAGER

Claudio RANIERI (Ita)

COVENTRY

GOALKEEPERS

1	Magnus HEDMAN (Swe)	19.03.73
23	Morten HYLDGAARD (Den)	26.01.78
13	Chris KIRKLAND	02.05.81

DEFENDERS

17	Gary BREEN (Ire)	12.12.73
2	Marc EDWORTHY	24.12.72
25	Barry FERGUSON (Ire)	07.09.79
19	Ivan GUERRERO (Hnd)	30.11.77
20	Tomas GUSTAFSSON (Swe)	07.05.73
24	Marcus HALL	24.03.76
5	Colin HENDRY (Sco)	07.12.65
26	Muhamed KONJIC (Bos)	04.05.70
6	Richard SHAW	11.09.68
4	Paul WILLIAMS	26.03.71

MIDFIELDERS

38	Robert BETTS	21.12.81
8	Youssef CHIPPO (Mor)	10.05.73
15	John EUSTACE	03.11.79
3	Stephen FROGGATT	09.03.73
10	Mustapha HADJI (Mor)	16.11.71
27	Stephen McPHEE (Sco)	05.06.81
29	Runar NORMANN (Nor)	03.01.78
14	Carlton PALMER	05.12.65
22	Barry QUINN (Ire)	09.05.79
21	Gavin STRACHAN (Sco)	23.12.78
12	Paul TELFER (Sco)	21.10.71
7	David THOMPSON	12.09.77

FORWARDS

16	John ALOISI (Aus)	05.02.76
18	Craig BELLAMY (Wal)	13.07.79
28	Jay BOTHROYD	05.05.82
30	Laurent DELORGE (Blg)	21.07.79
31	Jairo MARTINEZ (Hnd)	14.05.78
48	Gary McSHEFFREY	13.08.82
9	Cedric ROUSSEL (Blg)	06.01.78
11	Ysrael ZUNIGA (Per)	27.08.76

MANAGER

Gordon STRACHAN (Sco)

DERBY

GOALKEEPERS

24	Andy OAKES	11.01.77
1	Mart POOM (Est)	03.02.72

DEFENDERS

27	Con BLATSIS (Aus)	06.07.77
23	Paul BOERTIEN	21.01.79
22	Bjorn Otto BRAGSTAD (Nor)	02.05.73
2	Horacio CARBONARI (Arg)	02.05.73
19	Steve ELLIOTT	29.10.78
20	Stefano ERANIO (Ita)	29.12.66
15	Danny HIGGINBOTHAM	29.12.78
18	Richard JACKSON	18.04.80
17	Youl MAWANE (Fra)	16.07.79
21	Chris RIGGOTT	11.04.80
3	Stefan SCHNOOR (Ger)	18.04.71

MIDFIELDERS

14	Lars BOHINEN (Nor)	08.08.69
31	Adam BOLDER	25.10.80
6	Craig BURLEY (Sco)	24.09.71
5	Rory DELAP (Ire)	06.07.76
7	Seth JOHNSON	12.03.79
10	Georgi KINKLADZE (Geo)	06.11.73
4	Darryl POWELL (Jam)	15.01.71
28	Simo VALAKARI (Fin)	28.04.73

FORWARDS

9	Deon BURTON (Jam)	25.10.76
12	Malcolm CHRISTIE	11.04.79
11	Lee MORRIS	30.04.80
26	Marvin ROBINSON	11.04.80
25	Branko STRUPAR (Blg)	09.02.70
8	Dean STURRIDGE	27.07.73

MANAGER

Jim SMITH

EVERTON

GOALKEEPERS

1	Paul GERRARD	22.01.73
35	Thomas MYHRE (Nor)	16.10.73
13	Steve SIMONSEN	03.04.79

DEFENDERS

28	ABEL XAVIER (Por)	30.11.72
12	Michael BALL	02.10.79
20	Alex CLELAND (Sco)	10.12.70
4	Richard GOUGH (Sco)	05.04.62
16	Thomas GRAVESEN (Den)	11.03.76
15	Gary NAYSMITH (Sco)	16.11.78
3	Alessandro PISTONE (Ita)	27.07.75
6	David UNSWORTH	16.10.73
22	Dave WATSON	20.11.61
2	Steve WATSON	01.04.74
5	David WEIR (Sco)	10.05.70

MIDFIELDERS

7	Niclas ALEXANDERSSON (Swe)	29.12.71
25	Peter DEGN (Den)	06.04.77
18	Paul GASCOIGNE	27.05.67
17	Scot GEMMILL (Sco)	02.01.71
10	Stephen HUGHES	18.09.76
26	Philip JEVONS	01.08.79
29	Kevin McLEOD	12.09.80
27	Jamie MILLIGAN	03.01.80
8	Alex NYARKO (Gha)	15.10.73
11	Mark PEMBRIDGE (Wal)	28.11.70
33	Idan TAL (Isr)	13.09.75

FORWARDS

21	Danny CADAMARTERI	12.10.79
9	Kevin CAMPBELL	04.02.70
24	Duncan FERGUSON (Sco)	27.12.71
14	Francis JEFFERS	25.01.81
19	Joe-Max MOORE (USA)	23.02.71

MANAGER

Walter SMITH (Sco)

WORLDSERVICE

IPSWICH TOWN

GOALKEEPERS

21	Keith BRANAGAN (Ire)	10.07.66
26	James PULLEN	18.03.82
13	Mike SALMON	14.07.64
1	Richard WRIGHT	05.11.77

DEFENDERS

19	Titus BRAMBLE	21.07.81
17	Wayne BROWN	20.08.77
3	Jamie CLAPHAM	07.12.75
16	Gary CROFT	17.02.74
32	Hermann HREIDARSSON (Ice)	11.07.74
33	Amir KARIC (Sln)	31.12.73
4	John McGREAL	02.06.72
5	Tony MOWBRAY	22.11.63
15	John SCALES	04.07.66
18	Manuel THETIS (Fra)	05.11.71
6	Mark VENUS	06.04.67
2	Fabian WILNIS (Hol)	23.08.70

MIDFIELDERS

28	Nabil ABIDALLAH (Hol)	05.08.82
23	Sean FRIARS (NI)	15.05.79
8	Matt HOLLAND (Ire)	11.04.74
7	Jim MAGILTON (NI)	06.05.69
29	Justin MILLER	16.12.80
14	Jermaine WRIGHT	21.01.75

FORWARDS

27	Guillermo GRAAVEN (Hol)	17.01.82
9	David JOHNSON	15.08.76
20	Richard LOGAN	04.01.82
24	Neil MIDGLEY	21.10.78
12	Richard NAYLOR	28.02.77
30	Martijn REUSER (Hol)	01.02.75
10	James SCOWCROFT	15.11.75
11	Marcus STEWART	07.11.72

MANAGER

George BURLEY (Sco)

LEEDS UNITED

GOALKEEPERS

1	Nigel MARTYN	11.08.66
26	Danny MILOSEVIC (Aus)	16.06.78
13	Paul ROBINSON	15.10.79

DEFENDERS

22	Michael DUBERRY	14.10.75
3	Ian HARTE (Ire)	31.08.77
24	Danny HAY (NZ)	15.05.75
2	Gary KELLY (Ire)	09.07.74
21	Dominic MATTEO	24.04.74
27	Alan MAYBURY (Ire)	08.08.78
18	Danny MILLS	18.05.77
30	Robert MOLENAAR (Hol)	27.02.69
5	Lucas RADEBE (SAf)	12.04.69
6	Jonathon WOODGATE	22.01.80

MIDFIELDERS

19	Eirik BAKKE (Nor)	13.09.77
23	David BATTY	02.12.68
11	Lee BOWYER	03.01.77
25	Jacob BURNS (Aus)	1978
4	Olivier DACOURT (Fra)	25.09.74
31	Gareth EVANS	15.02.81
20	Matthew JONES (Wal)	01.09.80
14	Stephen McPHAIL (Ire)	09.12.79
16	Jason WILCOX	15.07.71

FORWARDS

8	Michael BRIDGES	05.08.78
38	Tony HACKWORTH	19.05.80
12	Darren HUCKERBY	23.04.76
10	Harry KEWELL (Aus)	22.09.78
35	Lee MATTHEWS	16.01.79
17	Alan SMITH	28.10.80
9	Mark VIDUKA (Aus)	09.10.75

MANAGER

David O'LEARY (Ire)

LEICESTER

GOALKEEPERS

1	Tim FLOWERS	03.02.67
12	Simon ROYCE	09.09.71

DEFENDERS

16	Stuart CAMPBELL (Sco)	09.12.77
14	Callum DAVIDSON (Sco)	25.06.76
18	Matt ELLIOTT (Sco)	01.11.68
15	Phil GILCHRIST	25.08.73
2	Gary ROWETT	06.03.74
3	Frank SINCLAIR (Jam)	03.12.71
4	Gerry TAGGART (NI)	18.10.70

MIDFIELDERS

9	Darren EADIE	10.06.75
13	Arnar GUNNLAUGSSON (Ice)	06.03.73
11	Steve GUPPY	29.03.69
24	Andrew IMPEY	13.09.71
6	Muzzy IZZET (Tur)	31.10.74
7	Neil LENNON (NI)	25.06.71
17	Stefan OAKES	06.09.78
8	Robbie SAVAGE (Wal)	18.10.74
25	Stuart WILSON	16.09.77

FORWARDS

22	Ade AKINBIYI (Nig)	10.10.74
20	Trevor BENJAMIN	08.02.79
23	Richard CRESSWELL	20.09.77
28	Lawrie DUDFIELD	07.05.80

MANAGER

Peter TAYLOR

LIVERPOOL

GOALKEEPERS

19	Pegguy ARPHEXAD (Fra)	18.05.73
26	Jorgen NIELSEN (Nor)	06.05.71
1	Sander WESTERVELD (Hol)	23.10.74

DEFENDERS

6	Markus BABBEL (Ger)	08.09.72
14	Vegard HEGGEM (Nor)	13.07.75
2	Stephane HENCHOZ (Swi)	07.09.74
12	Sami HYYPIA (Fin)	07.10.73
31	Frode KIPPE (Nor)	17.01.78
4	Rigobert SONG (Cam)	01.07.76
5	Steve STAUNTON (Ire)	19.01.69
30	Djimi TRAORE (Fra)	01.03.80
27	Gregory VIGNAL (Fra)	19.07.81
29	Stephen WRIGHT	08.02.80
3	Christian ZIEGE (Ger)	01.02.72

MIDFIELDERS

15	Patrik BERGER (Cze)	10.11.73
23	Jamie CARRAGHER	28.01.78
24	Bernard DIOMEDE (Fra)	23.01.74
17	Steven GERRARD	30.05.80
16	Dietmar HAMANN (Ger)	27.08.73
21	Gary McALLISTER (Sco)	25.12.64
24	Danny MURPHY	18.03.77
33	Alan NAVARRO	31.05.81
28	Richie PARTRIDGE (Ire)	12.09.80
11	Jamie REDKNAPP	25.06.73

FORWARDS

20	Nick BARMBY	11.02.74
22	Titi CAMARA (Gui)	17.11.72
9	Robbie FOWLER	09.04.75
8	Emile HESKEY	11.01.78
32	John NEWBY	28.11.78
18	Erik MEIJER (Hol)	02.08.69
10	Michael OWEN	14.12.79
7	Vladimir SMICER (Cze)	24.05.73

MANAGER

Gerard HOULLIER (Fra)

MAN CITY

GOALKEEPERS

1	Nicky WEAVER	02.03.79
13	Tommy WRIGHT (NI)	29.08.63

DEFENDERS

31	Laurent CHARVET (Fra)	08.05.73
2	Lee CROOKS	14.01.78
22	Richard DUNNE (Ire)	21.09.79
3	Richard EDGHILL	23.09.74
21	Nick FENTON	23.11.79
36	Danny GRANVILLE	19.01.75
24	Steve HOWEY	26.10.71
25	Richard JOBSON	09.05.63
5	Andy MORRISON (Sco)	30.07.70
7	Spencer PRIOR	22.04.71
16	Paul RITCHIE (Sco)	21.08.75
19	Danny TIATTO (Aus)	22.05.73
4	Gerard WIEKENS (Hol)	25.02.73

MIDFIELDERS

8	Ian BISHOP	29.05.65
28	Tony GRANT	14.11.74
15	Alf-Inge HAALAND (Nor)	23.11.72
6	Kevin HORLOCK (NI)	01.11.72
34	Mark KENNEDY (Ire)	15.05.76
18	Jeff WHITLEY (NI)	28.01.79
17	Jim WHITLEY (NI)	14.04.75

FORWARDS

12	Danny ALLSOPP (Aus)	10.08.78
11	Terry COOKE	05.08.76
9	Paul DICKOV (Sco)	01.11.72
10	Shaun GOATER (Ber)	25.02.70
14	Gareth TAYLOR (Wal)	25.02.73
23	Paulo WANCHOPE (CR)	31.07.76
29	Shaun WRIGHT-PHILLIPS	25.10.81

MANAGER

Joe ROYLE

MAN UNITED

GOALKEEPERS

1	Fabien BARTHEZ (Fra)	28.06.71
13	Mark BOSNICH (Aus)	13.01.72
33	Paul RACHUBKA	21.05.81
17	Raimond VAN DER GOUW (Hol)	24.03.63

DEFENDERS

21	Henning BERG (Nor)	01.09.68
24	Wesley BROWN	13.10.79
23	Michael CLEGG	03.07.77
3	Denis IRWIN (Ire)	31.10.65
5	Ronny JOHNSEN (Nor)	10.06.69
4	David MAY	24.06.70
2	Gary NEVILLE	18.02.75
12	Philip NEVILLE	21.01.77
30	John O'SHEA (Ire)	30.04.81
27	Mickael SILVESTRE (Fra)	09.08.77
6	Jaap STAM (Hol)	17.07.72
30	Ronnie WALLWORK	10.09.77

MIDFIELDERS

7	David BECKHAM	02.05.75
15	Jesper BLOMQVIST (Swe)	05.02.74
8	Nicky BUTT	21.05.75
32	Bojan DJORDJIC (Yug)	06.02.82
31	Darren FLETCHER	01.02.84
25	Quinton FORTUNE (SAf)	21.05.77
11	Ryan GIGGS (Wal)	29.11.73
34	Jonathan GREENING	02.01.79
16	Roy KEANE (Ire)	10.08.71
18	Paul SCHOLES	16.11.74
28	Michael STEWART	26.02.81
33	Mark WILSON	09.02.79

FORWARDS

9	Andy COLE	15.10.71
35	David HEALY (Ire)	05.08.79
29	Alex NOTMAN (Sco)	10.12.79
10	Teddy SHERINGHAM	02.04.66
20	Ole Gunnar SOLSKJAER (Nor)	26.03.73
19	Dwight YORKE (T&T)	03.11.71

MANAGER

Alex FERGUSON (Sco)

MIDDLESBROUGH

GOALKEEPERS

13	Marlon BERESFORD	02.09.69
25	Mark CROSSLEY (Wal)	16.06.69
1	Mark SCHWARZER (Aus)	06.10.72

DEFENDERS

32	Steve BAKER (Ire)	08.09.78
28	Colin COOPER	28.02.67
17	Ugo EHIOGU	03.10.73
5	Gianluca FESTA (Ita)	15.03.69
2	Curtis FLEMING (Ire)	08.10.68
29	Jason GAVIN (Ire)	14.03.80
3	Dean GORDON	10.02.73
6	Gary PALLISTER	30.06.65
27	Robbie STOCKDALE	30.11.79
4	Steve VICKERS	13.10.67

MIDFIELDERS

9	Paul INCE	21.10.67
8	Christian KAREMBEU (Fra)	03.12.70
15	Neil MADDISON	02.10.69
23	Carlos MARINELLI (Arg)	14.03.82
31	Alan MOORE (Ire)	25.11.74
7	Robbie MUSTOE	28.08.68
14	Paul OKON (Aus)	05.04.72
12	Keith O'NEILL (NI)	16.02.76
33	Anthony ORMEROD	31.03.79
24	Phil STAMP	12.12.75
22	Mark SUMMERBELL	30.10.76

FORWARDS

20	Alun ARMSTRONG	22.02.75
11	Alen BOKSIC (Cro)	31.01.70
18	Andy CAMPBELL	18.04.79
10	Brian DEANE	07.02.68
16	Joseph-Desire JOB (Cam)	01.12.77
19	Hamilton RICARD (Col)	12.01.74
26	Noel WHELAN	30.12.74

MANAGER

Bryan ROBSON

NEWCASTLE

GOALKEEPERS

1	Shay GIVEN (Ire)	20.04.76
13	Steve HARPER	03.02.74
29	John KARELSE (Hol)	17.05.70

DEFENDERS

2	Warren BARTON	19.03.69
27	David BEHARALL	08.03.79
34	Nikos DABIZAS (Gre)	03.08.73
4	Didier DOMI (Fra)	02.05.79
5	Alain GOMA (Fra)	05.10.72
12	Andrew GRIFFIN	17.03.79
18	Aaron HUGHES (NI)	08.11.79
3	MARCELINO (Spa)	26.09.71
40	Carl SERRANT	12.09.75

MIDFIELDERS

6	Clarence ACUNA (Chl)	08.02.75
10	Christian BASSEDAS (Arg)	16.02.73
24	Garry BRADY (Sco)	07.09.76
8	Kieron DYER	29.12.78
21	Diego GAVILAN (Par)	01.03.80
19	Stephen GLASS (Sco)	25.05.76
31	Stuart GREEN	15.06.81
33	Des HAMILTON	15.08.76
25	Brian KERR (Sco)	12.10.81
7	Robert LEE	01.02.66
22	Jamie McCLEN	13.05.79
15	Nolberto SOLANO (Per)	12.12.74
11	Gary SPEED (Wal)	08.09.69

FORWARDS

23	Shola AMEOBI	12.10.81
17	Daniel CORDONE (Arg)	06.01.74
16	Carl CORT	01.11.77
32	Kevin GALLACHER (Sco)	23.11.66
20	Lomana Tresor LUA LUA (DRC)	28.12.80
9	Alan SHEARER	13.08.70

MANAGER

Bobby ROBSON

SOUTHAMPTON

GOALKEEPERS

27	Scott BEVAN	16.09.79
1	Paul JONES (Wal)	18.04.67
13	Neil MOSS	10.05.75

DEFENDERS

15	Francis BENALI	30.12.68
24	Patrick COLLETER (Fra)	06.11.65
2	Jason DODD	02.11.70
12	Richard DRYDEN	14.06.69
20	Tahar EL KHALEJ (Mor)	16.06.68
5	Claus LUNDEKVAM (Nor)	22.02.73
25	Garry MONK	06.03.79
6	Dean RICHARDS	09.06.74

MIDFIELDERS

26	Imants BLEIDELIS (Lat)	16.08.75
18	Wayne BRIDGE	05.08.80
9	Mark DRAPER	11.11.70
28	Kevin GIBBENS	04.11.79
29	Paul HUGHES	30.12.72
30	Hassan KACHLOUL (Mor)	19.04.73
7	Matthew LE TISSIER	14.10.68
4	Chris MARSDEN	03.10.69
8	Matthew OAKLEY	17.08.77
14	Stuart RIPLEY	20.11.67
32	Trond Egil SOLTVEDT (Nor)	15.02.67
21	Jo TESSEM (Nor)	28.02.72

FORWARDS

16	James BEATTIE	27.07.78
10	Kevin DAVIES	26.03.77
17	Marian PAHARS (Lat)	05.08.76
19	Dani RODRIGUES (Por)	03.03.80
11	Uwe ROSLER (Ger)	15.11.68
23	Patrice TANO (Fra)	01.03.80

MANAGER

Glenn HODDLE

SUNDERLAND

GOALKEEPERS

30	Jurgen MACHO (Aut)	24.08.77
13	Andrew MARRIOTT	11.10.70
1	Thomas SORENSEN (Den)	12.06.76

DEFENDERS

33	Julio ARCA (Arg)	31.01.81
6	Paul BUTLER (Ire)	02.11.72
17	Jody CRADDOCK	25.07.75
35	EMERSON Thome (Bra)	30.03.72
3	Michael GRAY	03.08.74
2	Chris MAKIN	08.05.73
25	Mark MALEY	26.01.81
24	George McCARTNEY (NI)	29.04.81
32	Stanislav VARGA (Slk)	08.10.72
18	Darren WILLIAMS	28.04.77

MIDFIELDERS

26	Thomas BUTLER (Ire)	25.04.81
15	Carsten FREDGAARD (Den)	20.05.76
4	Don HUTCHISON (Sco)	09.05.71
11	Kevin KILBANE (Ire)	01.02.77
23	Chris LUMSDON	15.12.79
8	Gavin McCANN	10.01.78
28	John OSTER	08.12.78
29	Tom PEETERS (Blg)	25.09.78
16	Alex RAE (Sco)	30.09.69
19	Eric ROY (Fra)	26.09.67
20	Stefan SCHWARZ (Swe)	18.04.69
7	Nicky SUMMERBEE	26.08.71
21	Paul THIRLWELL	13.02.79

FORWARDS

12	Daniele DICHIO	19.10.74
31	Milton NUNEZ (Hnd)	30.10.72
10	Kevin PHILLIPS	25.07.73
9	Niall QUINN (Ire)	06.10.66
27	Michael REDDY (Ire)	24.03.80
22	Neil WAINWRIGHT	04.11.77

MANAGER

Peter REID

TOTTENHAM

GOALKEEPERS

39	Gavin KELLY	03.06.81
13	Neil SULLIVAN (Sco)	24.02.70
1	Ian WALKER	31.10.71

DEFENDERS

5	Sol CAMPBELL	18.09.74
2	Stephen CARR (Ire)	29.08.76
12	Gary DOHERTY (Ire)	31.01.80
30	Anthony GARDNER	19.09.80
36	Ian HILLIER	26.12.79
26	Ledley KING	12.10.80
6	Chris PERRY	26.04.73
3	Mauricio TARICCO (Arg)	10.03.73
18	Ben THATCHER	30.11.75
43	Alton THELWELL	05.09.80
34	Ramon VEGA (Swi)	14.06.71
21	Luke YOUNG	19.07.79

MIDFIELDERS

7	Darren ANDERTON	03.03.72
25	Stephen CLEMENCE	31.03.78
29	Simon DAVIES	23.10.79
35	Neale FENN	18.01.77
4	Steffen FREUND (Ger)	19.01.70
33	Mark GOWER	05.10.78
41	Johnnie JACKSON	15.08.82
15	Willem KORSTEN (Hol)	21.01.75
17	Oyvind LEONHARDSEN (Nor)	17.08.80
37	John PIERCY	18.09.79
8	Tim SHERWOOD	02.02.69
40	Ciaran TONER	30.06.81

FORWARDS

16	Chris ARMSTRONG	19.06.71
32	Jose DOMINGUEZ (Por)	16.02.74
28	Matthew ETHERINGTON	14.08.81
9	Les FERDINAND	18.12.66
10	Steffen IVERSEN (Nor)	10.11.76
42	Yannick KAMANAN (Fra)	05.10.82
27	David McEWEN	02.11.77
11	Serhii REBROV (Ukr)	03.06.74

MANAGER

George GRAHAM (Sco)

WEST HAM

GOALKEEPERS

32	Stephen BYWATER	07.06.81
22	Craig FORREST (Can)	20.09.67
1	Shaka HISLOP	22.02.69

DEFENDERS

25	Stevland ANGUS	16.09.80
27	Shaun BYRNE (Ire)	21.01.81
2	Gary CHARLES	13.04.70
15	Rio FERDINAND	07.11.78
30	Javier MARGAS (Chl)	10.05.69
20	Scott MINTO	06.08.71
23	Adam NEWTON	04.12.80
19	Ian PEARCE	07.05.74
3	Stuart PEARCE	24.04.62
4	Steve POTTS	07.05.67
5	Igor STIMAC (Cro)	06.09.67
17	Nigel WINTERBURN	11.12.63

MIDFIELDERS

21	Michael CARRICK	28.07.81
26	Joe COLE	08.11.81
7	Marc KELLER (Fra)	14.01.68
18	Frank LAMPARD	21.06.78
11	Steve LOMAS (NI)	18.01.74
16	John MONCUR	22.09.66
8	Trevor SINCLAIR	02.03.73

FORWARDS

10	Paolo DI CANIO (Ita)	09.07.68
25	Kaba DIAWARA (Fra)	16.12.75
14	Frederic KANOUTE (Fra)	02.09.77
12	Paul KITSON	09.01.71
9	Davor SUKER (Cro)	01.01.68

MANAGER

Harry REDKNAPP

FRANCE

AUXERRE

GOALKEEPERS

1	Fabien COOL	28.09.74
16	Ronan LE CROM	13.07.74
30	Jeremy SOPALSKI	06.02.81

DEFENDERS

12	Eric ASSATI	29.09.74
4	Jean-Alain BOUMSONG	14.12.79
24	Oumar DIENG	30.12.79
13	Jean-Sebastien JAURES	30.09.77
15	Frederic JAY	20.09.76
3	Cyrille MAGNIER	24.08.69
6	Philippe MEXES	30.03.82
26	Jean-Joel PERRIER DOUMBE	27.09.78
21	Johan RADET	24.11.76
5	Pedro REYES (Chl)	13.11.72

MIDFIELDERS

8	Kuami AGBOH	28.12.77
7	Pierre DEBLOCK	01.05.73
17	Amdy FAYE (Sen)	12.03.77
14	Cyril JEUNECHAMP	18.12.75
22	Lionel MATHIS	04.10.81
31	Moussa SAIB (Alg)	05.03.69
27	Francois SIRIEIX	07.10.80
10	Teemu TAINIO (Fin)	27.11.79

FORWARDS

18	Djibril CISSE	12.08.81
11	Alexandre COMISETTI (Swi)	21.07.73
28	Khalilou FADIGA (Sen)	30.12.74
9	Stephane GUIVARC'H	06.09.70
23	Olivier KAPO	27.09.80
	Fabrice LE PAUL	17.11.76
29	Jerome LEMPEREUR	03.11.73
19	Nicolas MARIN	29.08.80
25	David VANDENBOSSCHE	27.09.80

COACH

Daniel ROLLAND

BASTIA

GOALKEEPERS

16	Ali BOUMNIJEL (Tun)	13.04.66
1	Eric DURAND	13.05.65
30	Nicolas PENNETEAU	28.02.81

DEFENDERS

20	Laurent CASANOVA	28.04.71
22	Jose CLAYTON (Tun)	21.03.74
5	Christophe DEGUERVILLE	27.06.70
17	Cyril DOMORAUD (IvC)	22.07.71
4	Demetrius FERREIRA (Bra)	19.01.74
14	Frederic MENDY	29.11.73
12	Patrick MOREAU	03.11.73
25	Stephane ODET	26.04.76
3	Morlaye SOUMAH (Gui)	04.11.71
2	Patrick VALERY	03.07.69

MIDFIELDERS

24	Paul ESSOLA	13.12.81
10	Yann LACHUER	05.08.72
17	Franck MATINGOU	04.12.79
13	David MAZZONCINI	16.10.71
6	Lilian NALIS	29.09.71
26	Sebastien PIOCELLE	10.11.78
7	Piotr SWIERCZEWSKI (Pol)	08.04.72

FORWARDS

11	Pierre-Yves ANDRE	14.05.74
29	Pascal BERENGUER	25.05.81
18	PRINCE DAYE (Lbr)	11.04.78
21	Cyril EBOKI-POH	11.09.79
19	Pierre LAURENT	13.12.70
9	Frederic NEE	18.04.75
8	Dan PETERSEN (Den)	06.05.72
27	Ousmane SOUMAH (Gui)	06.10.73

COACH

Frederic ANTONETTI

BORDEAUX

GOALKEEPERS

30	Leonardo LOPEZ	15.12.80
16	Ulrich RAME	19.09.72
1	Frederic ROUX	27.06.73

DEFENDERS

21	Kodjo AFANOU	21.11.77
24	Herve ALICARTE	07.10.74
19	Bruno BASTO (Por)	21.05.78
30	Mathieu BEDA	28.07.81
5	Jerome BONNISSEL	11.04.73
14	Francois GRENET	08.03.75
2	David JEMMALI	13.12.74
6	Alain ROCHE	14.10.67
4	Nisa SAVELJIC (Yug)	27.03.70
15	David SOMMEIL	10.08.74

MIDFIELDERS

20	Laurent BATLLES	23.09.75
	Mathieu CHALME	07.10.80
	Giuseppe COLUCCI (Ita)	20.08.80
17	Bruno DA ROCHA	25.10.77
18	Lassina DIABATE (IvC)	16.09.74
12	Sylvain LEGWINSKI	06.10.73
8	Alexei SMERTIN (Rus)	01.05.75
29	Marc WILMOTS (Blg)	22.02.69

FORWARDS

45	Herve BUGNET	24.08.81
26	Christophe DUGARRY	24.03.72
27	Pascal FEINDOUNO (Gui)	27.02.81
46	Alexei KOSSONOGOV (Rus)	30.03.82
9	Lilian LASLANDES	04.09.71
22	Pedro Miguel C. Resende, PAULETA (Por)	28.04.73

COACH

Elie BAUP

GUINGAMP

GOALKEEPERS

30	Gerard GNANHOUAN	12.02.79
1	Eric LOUSSOUARN	27.08.74
16	Ronald THOMAS	27.03.74

DEFENDERS

	Abasse BA (Sen)	12.07.76
5	Pierre-Emmanuel BOURDEAU	19.05.75
20	Romain FERRIER	24.02.76
2	Jerome FOULON	06.02.71
19	Hubert FOURNIER	03.09.67
23	Auriol GUILLAUME	14.10.79
24	Laurent GUYOT	17.12.69
18	Jonathan JOSEPH-AUGUSTIN	13.05.81
4	Marek JOZWIAK (Pol)	21.08.67
3	Morten NIELSEN (Den)	14.04.71

MIDFIELDERS

8	Yannick BARET	20.10.72
25	Stephane CARNOT	10.07.72
13	Fabrice COLLEAU	26.06.77
9	Sylvain DEPLACE	04.01.72
14	Laurent HERVE	19.06.76
6	Claude MICHEL	24.04.71
	Sylvain PRAT	17.02.74
17	David ROMO	07.08.78
10	Abdelhafid TASFAOUT (Alg)	11.02.69

FORWARDS

11	Fabrice FIORESE	26.07.75
12	Florent MALOUDA	16.06.80
15	Samuel MICHEL	11.02.71
21	Bruno RODRIGUEZ	25.11.72
7	Edwin VAN ANKEREN (Hol)	13.08.68

COACH

Guy LACOMBE

WORLD SERVICE

LENS

GOALKEEPERS

30	Cedric BERTHELIN	25.12.76
16	Sebastien CHABBERT	15.05.78
1	Guillaume WARMUZ	10.08.70

DEFENDERS

19	Patrick BARUL	02.10.77
3	Guillaume BOUISSET	07.01.73
14	Ferdinand COLY (Sen)	10.09.73
23	Adama COULIBALY (Mli)	09.10.80
4	Franck DUMAS	09.01.68
25	Valerien ISMAEL	28.09.75
24	Jose Karl PIERRE-FANFAN	26.07.75
28	Franck QUEUDRUE	27.08.78
2	Eric SIKORA	04.02.68

MIDFIELDERS

15	Radek BEJBL (Cze)	29.08.72
5	Jocelyn BLANCHARD	28.05.72
18	Philippe BRUNEL	28.02.73
27	Charles-Edouard CORIDON	09.04.73
7	Mickael DEBEVE	01.12.70
8	Nenad GROZDIC (Yug)	03.02.74
10	Daniel MOREIRA	08.08.77
6	Cyril ROOL	15.04.75

FORWARDS

9	Matthieu BUCHER	01.11.82
11	El-Hadji DIOUF (Sen)	15.01.81
12	Esteban FUERTES (Arg)	26.12.72
20	Lamine SAKHO (Sen)	28.09.77
21	Antoine SIBIERSKI	05.08.74

COACH

Rolland COURBIS

LILLE

GOALKEEPERS

30	Eric ALLIBERT	11.06.76
	Gregory LEGRAND	28.03.75
16	Teddy RICHERT	21.09.74
1	Gregory WIMBEE	19.08.71

DEFENDERS

3	Pascal CYGAN	29.04.74
23	Mathieu DELPIERRE	26.04.81
2	Johnny ECKER	16.01.73
4	Abdelilah FAHMI (Mor)	03.08.73
	Riad HAMMADOU	05.12.76
18	Stephane PICHOT	02.09.76
6	Christophe PIGNOL	15.10.69
20	Didier SANTINI	07.09.68

MIDFIELDERS

12	Ted Kelton AGASSON	31.08.73
22	Benoit CHEYROU	03.05.81
28	Bruno CHEYROU	10.05.78
8	Patrick COLLOT	22.06.67
27	Fernando D'AMICO (Arg)	10.02.75
24	Christophe LANDRIN	30.06.77
9	Edwin MURATI (Alb)	12.11.75
25	Sylvain N'DIAYE	25.06.76
11	Jean-Louis VALOIS	15.10.73

FORWARDS

10	Dagui BAKARI	06.09.74
5	Mikkel BECK (Den)	04.05.73
15	Djezon BOUTOILLE	09.11.75
	Geoffray DERNIS	24.12.80
7	Laurent PEYRELADE	07.04.70
	Mile STERJOVSKI (Aus)	27.05.79

COACH

Vahid HALILHODZIC

LYON

GOALKEEPERS

1	Gregory COUPET	31.12.72
30	Angelo HUGUES	03.09.66

DEFENDERS

5	Jacek BAK (Pol)	24.03.73
12	Serge BLANC	22.09.72
26	Jeremie BRECHET	14.08.79
19	Jean-Marc CHANELET	23.07.68
2	Eric DEFLANDRE (Blg)	02.08.73
4	Florent LAVILLE	07.08.73
24	Frederic RIBEIRO	07.08.79

MIDFIELDERS

15	Christophe DELMOTTE	09.06.69
10	Vikash DHORASOO	10.10.73
4	EDMILSON Jose Gomes Moraes (Bra)	10.07.76
17	Marc-Vivien FOE (Cam)	01.05.75
8	Pierre LAIGLE	12.09.70
22	David LINARES	05.10.75
18	Steed MALBRANQUE	06.01.80
21	Patrick MULLER (Swi)	17.12.76
6	Philippe VIOLEAU	19.08.70

FORWARDS

9	Sonny ANDERSON Da Silva (Bra)	19.09.70
14	Sidney GOVOU	24.07.79
7	Steve MARLET	10.01.74
11	Tony VAIRELLES	10.04.73

COACH

Jacques SANTINI

MARSEILLE

GOALKEEPERS

30	Cedric CARASSO	30.12.81
16	Damien GREGORINI	02.03.79
1	Stephane TREVISAN	01.05.73

DEFENDERS

27	Jacques ABARDONADO	27.05.78
2	Patrick BLONDEAU	27.01.68
20	Zoumana CAMARA	03.04.79
3	Manuel DOS SANTOS	28.03.75
23	William GALLAS	17.08.77
4	Pierre ISSA (Saf)	11.09.75
17	Jean-Christophe MARQUET	27.04.74
	Richard MARTINI	26.08.78
18	Abdoulaye MEITE	06.10.80
5	Bruno NGOTTY	10.06.71
15	Sebastien PEREZ	24.11.73

MIDFIELDERS

10	Carlos ADRIANO de Souza Vieira (Bra)	08.11.77
19	Djamel BELMADI	27.03.76
8	Frederic BRANDO	22.11.73
6	Klas INGESSON (Swe)	20.08.68
13	Jerome LEROY	04.11.74
25	Michael MARSIGLIA	25.12.75

FORWARDS

28	Ibrahima BAKAYOKO (IvC)	31.12.76
24	Pablo Ignacio CALANDRIA (Arg)	15.03.82
12	Karim DAHOU	15.05.82
	Guillaume DESCHAMPS	23.11.78
7	Marcelo dos Santos, MARCELINHO (Bra)	17.05.75
9	Florian MAURICE	20.01.74
14	Cedric MOURET	26.08.78
11	Cyrille POUGET	06.12.72
29	George WEAH (Lbr)	01.10.66

COACH

Carlos Da Silva ABEL BRAGA (Bra)

METZ

GOALKEEPERS

16	David KLEIN	13.08.73
1	Farid MONDRAGON (Col)	21.06.71

DEFENDERS

23	Stephane BORBICONI	22.03.79
21	Oswaldo CONDI	16.04.79
3	Philippe GAILLOT	28.02.65
5	Sylvain KASTENDEUCH	31.08.63
18	Sylvain MARCHAL	10.02.80
19	Stephane MORISOT	11.01.78
2	Pascal PIERRE	28.05.68
26	David REGIS (USA)	02.12.68
4	Sebastien SCHEMMEL	02.06.75
14	Geoffray TOYES	18.05.73

MIDFIELDERS

7	Ludovic ASUAR	27.10.76
8	Christophe BASTIEN	09.03.76
25	Danny BOFFIN (Blg)	10.07.65
28	Younis DIANI	19.10.77
6	Mario ESPARTERO	17.01.78
22	Gregory LECA	22.08.80
10	Frederic MEYRIEU	09.02.68
12	Gregory PROMENT	10.12.78
13	Gunther VAN HANDENHOVEN (Blg)	16.12.78

FORWARDS

27	Gerald BATICLE	10.09.69
11	Patricio D'AMICO (Arg)	12.02.75
29	Eric HASSLI	03.05.81
20	Jonathan JAGER	25.05.78
	Tressor MORENO (Col)	
9	Serhii SKACHENKO (Ukr)	18.11.72

COACH

Joel MULLER

MONACO

GOALKEEPERS

30	Jean-Marie AUBRY	03.04.69
16	Andre BIANCARELLI	11.03.70
1	Stephane PORATO	19.09.73

DEFENDERS

25	Eric ABIDAL	11.07.79
5	Philippe CHRISTANVAL	31.08.78
2	Pablo CONTRERAS (Chl)	11.09.78
19	David DI TOMMASO	06.10.79
6	Martin DJETOU	15.12.74
24	Hassan EL FAKIRI (Mor)	18.04.77
23	Bruno IRLES	16.08.75
15	Franck JURIETTI	30.05.75
17	Philippe LEONARD (Blg)	14.02.74
4	Rafael MARQUEZ (Mex)	13.02.79
3	John Arne RIISE (Nor)	24.09.80
27	Julien RODRIGUEZ	11.06.78

MIDFIELDERS

26	Uliano COURVILLE	08.08.78
7	Francisco DA COSTA (Por)	01.12.74
12	Ousmane DABO	08.02.77
21	Pontus FARNERUD (Swe)	04.06.80
10	Marcelo GALLARDO (Arg)	18.01.76
8	Ludovic GIULY	10.07.76
9	Xavier GRAVELAINE	05.10.68

FORWARDS

22	Nicolas BONNAL	16.10.76
14	Wagneau ELOI	11.09.73
18	Shabani NONDA (Brd)	06.03.77
20	Dado PRSO	05.11.74
28	Diego QUINTERO (Arg)	27.02.78
11	Marco SIMONE (Ita)	07.01.69

COACH

Claude PUEL

NANTES

GOALKEEPERS

16	Willy GRONDIN	12.10.74
30	Jeremie GUY	18.11.80
1	Mickael LANDREAU	14.05.79

DEFENDERS

22	Sylvain ARMAND	01.08.80
21	Pascal DELHOMMEAU	14.08.78
2	Nestor FABBRI (Arg)	29.04.68
5	Nicolas GILLET	08.11.76
28	John GOPE-FENEPEJ	16.11.78
3	Nicolas LASPALLES	27.11.71
4	Mario SILVA (Por)	24.04.77

MIDFIELDERS

13	Mathieu BERSON	23.02.80
10	Eric CARRIERE	24.05.73
24	Yves DEROFF	29.08.78
20	Charles DEVINEAU	02.08.79
14	Medhi LEROY	18.04.78
23	Sebastien MACE	23.11.78
6	Salomon OLEMBE (Cam)	08.12.80
26	Goran RUBIL (Cro)	09.03.81
15	Nicolas SAVINAUD	20.11.75
29	Stephane ZIANI	09.12.71

FORWARDS

17	Hassan AHAMADA	13.04.81
27	Pierre ARISTOUY	30.12.79
	Diego BUSTOS (Arg)	24.08.74
8	Frederic DA ROCHA	19.09.74
25	Mirza MESIC (Bos)	28.06.80
8	Viorel MOLDOVAN (Rom)	08.07.72
18	Olivier MONTERRUBIO	08.08.76
7	Alioune TOURE	09.09.78
19	Marama VAHIRUA	12.05.80

COACH

Raynald DENOUEIX

PARIS SAINT-GERMAIN

GOALKEEPERS

1	Dominique CASAGRANDE	08.05.71
16	Lionel LETIZI	28.05.73
30	Thomas LEVAUX	20.03.80

DEFENDERS

17	Jimmy ALGERINO	28.10.71
26	Aliou CISSE	24.03.75
13	Frederic DEHU	24.10.72
21	Sylvain DISTIN	16.12.77
4	Talal EL KARKOURI (Mor)	08.07.76
2	Fabrice KELBAN	09.10.78
24	Bernard MENDY	20.08.81
6	Godwin OKPARA (Nig)	20.09.72
3	Gregory PAISLEY	07.05.77
15	Eric RABESANDRATANA	18.09.72

MIDFIELDERS

14	Fabrice ABRIEL	06.07.79
8	Ali BENARBIA	08.10.68
20	Edouard CISSE	30.03.78
12	Stephane DALMAT	16.02.79
23	Pierre DUCROCQ	18.12.76
29	Nicolas FABIANO	08.02.81
5	Peter LUCCIN	09.04.79
10	Augustine OKOCHA (Nig)	14.08.73
22	Igor YANOVSKY (Rus)	03.08.74

FORWARDS

9	Nicolas ANELKA	14.03.79
7	CHRISTIAN Correa Dionisio (Bra)	23.04.75
27	Gael HIROUX	03.08.80
19	Laurent LEROY	16.04.76
11	Laurent ROBERT	21.05.75
25	Matthias VERSCHAVE	24.12.77

COACH

Philippe BERGEROO

RENNES

GOALKEEPERS

30	Fabien DEBEC	18.01.76
1	Bernard LAMA	07.04.63

DEFENDERS

6	Dominique ARRIBAGE	11.05.71
4	CESAR Augusto Belli Michelon (Bra)	16.11.75
13	Lamine DIATTA (Sen)	02.07.75
23	Jean-Felix DOROTHEE	02.10.81
17	Julien ESCUDE	17.08.79
27	Steven PELE	28.08.81
3	Jure PRIMORAC (Cro)	10.12.81
21	Anthony REVEILLERE	10.11.79

MIDFIELDERS

7	Yoann BIGNE	23.08.77
14	Philippe DELAYE	26.06.75
5	Olivier ECHOUAFNI	13.09.72
23	Franck GAVA	03.02.70
10	Jocelyn GOURVENNEC	22.03.72
15	Stephane GREGOIRE	02.02.68
8	Christophe LE ROUX	07.03.69
22	Makhtar N'DIAYE (Sen)	31.12.81
29	Marques Pereira VANDER (Bra)	15.09.74

FORWARDS

24	Mickael BAILLY	03.01.78
9	Cedric BARDON	15.10.76
28	Cyril CHAPUIS	21.03.79
12	Mickael CITONY	21.08.80
26	Gael DANIC	19.11.81
18	Luis Clemente FABIANO (Bra)	08.11.80
19	LUCAS Severino (Bra)	03.01.79
11	Mario Hector TURDO (Arg)	01.01.79

COACH

Paul LE GUEN

SAINT-ETIENNE

GOALKEEPERS

1	Jerome ALONZO	20.11.72
30	Jeremie JANOT	11.10.77
16	Maxim LEVYTSKY (Ukr)	26.11.72

DEFENDERS

3	Patrice CARTERON	30.07.70
23	Stephane HERNANDEZ	24.06.79
6	Bjorn-Tore KVARME (Nor)	17.06.72
33	LUIZ ALBERTO da Silva Oliveira (Bra)	01.12.77
	Sylvain MESLIEN	17.08.80
25	Lucien METTOMO (Cam)	19.04.77
2	Allan OLESEN (Den)	25.01.74
4	Lionel POTILLON	10.02.74
26	Jean-Guy WALLEMME	10.08.67

MIDFIELDERS

8	Fabien BOUDARENE	05.10.78
11	Karin FELLAHI	31.01.74
7	Tchiressoua GUEL (IvC)	27.12.75
17	Laurent HUARD	26.08.73
5	Alain MASUDI	12.02.78
	Alasan N'DOUR	12.12.81
10	Stephane PEDRON	22.02.71
27	Julien SABLE	11.09.80
15	Pape SARR (Sen)	07.12.77

FORWARDS

21	ALEX Dias de Almeida (Bra)	26.05.72
12	Jose ALOISIO DA SILVA (Bra)	27.01.75
14	Loic CHAVERIAT	05.02.77
9	Alexander PANOV (Rus)	21.09.75
20	Christophe SANCHEZ	04.10.72

COACH

John TOSHACK (Wal)

SEDAN

GOALKEEPERS

30	Jean-Christophe COLARD	29.08.80
16	Patrick REGNAULT	31.03.74
1	Nicolas SACHY	23.10.67

DEFENDERS

12	Fabien BRANDES	28.02.72
4	Eddy CAPRON	15.01.71
18	Cedric ELZEARD	01.04.75
24	Pascal Dominique GOURVILLE	12.01.75
19	Jerome HENROT	24.06.78
28	Christophe JOUAULT	10.11.74
2	Jean-Louis MONTERO	28.04.71
5	Eduardo OLIVEIRA	28.09.72
3	Luis SATORRA	15.09.69

MIDFIELDERS

6	Madjid ADJAOUD (Alg)	23.08.71
15	Eric CROSNIER	22.12.72
14	Salif DIAO (Sen)	10.02.77
25	Jerome FRETARD	31.08.75
23	Modeste M'BAMI (Cam)	09.10.82
	Julien MULAK	15.11.79
8	Olivier QUINT	29.11.71
17	Matthieu VERSCHUERE	08.02.72

FORWARDS

10	Toni BROGNO (Blg)	19.07.73
9	Philippe CELDRAN	02.11.73
21	Alex DI ROCCO	30.12.70
20	Cedric MIONNET	08.07.74
7	Moussa N'DIAYE (Sen)	20.02.79
11	Pius N'DIEFI (Cam)	05.07.75

COACH

Alex DUPONT

STRASBOURG

GOALKEEPERS

	Jose Luis CHILAVERT (Par)	27.07.65
1	Thierry DEBES	13.01.74
16	Christophe EGGIMANN	23.09.76

DEFENDERS

7	Mamadou BAGAYOKO (Mli)	21.05.79
5	Teddy BERTIN	06.08.69
23	Habib BEYE	19.10.77
3	Jean-Christophe DEVAUX	16.05.75
14	Pape Malik DIOP (Sen)	29.12.74
28	Cedric KANTE	06.08.79
2	Pierre NJANKA Beaka (Cam)	15.03.75
18	NUNO MENDES (Por)	07.04.76

MIDFIELDERS

29	Yacine ABDESSADKI	01.01.81
17	Gharib AMZINE (Mor)	03.05.73
13	Gonzalo BELLOSO (Arg)	30.03.74
26	Pascal CAMADINI	02.04.72
33	Denni CONTEH (Den)	14.08.75
20	Vincent DOUKANTIE	01.04.77
22	Fabrice EHRET	28.09.79
24	Yannick FISCHER	17.12.74
12	Diego Hector GARAY (Arg)	01.02.75
19	Mario HAAS (Aut)	16.09.74
4	Brahim HEMDANI (Alg)	15.03.78
6	Pascal JOHANSEN	24.04.79
10	Corentin MARTINS	11.07.69
21	Rafik MEZRICHE	06.03.78
15	Joseph NDO (Cam)	28.04.76

FORWARDS

9	Danijel LJUBOJA (Yug)	04.09.78
8	Pegguy LUYINDULA (DRC)	25.05.79
11	Jacques REMY	03.03.72
25	Stephane RODA	16.06.73

COACH

Claude LE ROY

TOULOUSE

GOALKEEPERS

30	Fabien AUDART	28.03.78
16	Alain GOUAMENE (IvC)	15.06.66
29	Damien RASCLE	05.08.80
1	Christophe REVAULT	22.03.72

DEFENDERS

4	Dianbobo BALDE	05.10.75
23	Julien BAUDET	13.01.79
14	Bruno CAROTTI	30.09.72
28	Louis GOMIS	06.11.71
25	Hamada JAMBAY	25.05.75
7	Stephane LIEVRE	03.10.72
17	Nicolas PAVIOT	17.06.75
3	William PRUNIER	14.08.67
2	Cedric URAS	29.11.77

MIDFIELDERS

19	Jose BARKERO (Spa)	24.04.79
27	Dario CABROL (Arg)	31.01.72
21	Laurent COURTOIS	11.09.78
26	Fabrice JAU	04.09.78
13	Patrice MAUREL	16.10.78
10	Thierry MOREAU	17.01.67
20	Mehdi NAFTI (Tun)	28.11.78
6	Jean-Christophe ROUVIERE	04.08.74
22	Nicolas SEUBE	11.08.79

FORWARDS

9	Victor BONILLA (Col)	23.01.71
12	Alfredo CASCINI (Arg)	07.04.71
5	Eugene DADI (IvC)	20.08.73
11	Nicolas DIEUZE	07.02.79
18	Samuel IPOUA (Cam)	01.03.73
24	Marc LIBBRA	05.08.72
8	Vladimir PETROVIC (Cro)	05.05.72
15	Hoalid REGRAGUI	23.09.75

COACH

Robert NOUZARET

TROYES

GOALKEEPERS

30	Eddy HEURLIE	27.12.77
1	Tony HEURTEBIS	15.01.75
16	Herve SEKLI	25.07.77

DEFENDERS

24	Seikou BERTHE (Mli)	07.10.77
21	Mohamed BRADJA	16.11.69
15	Samba DIAWARA (Mli)	15.03.78
5	Olivier FUGEN	17.10.70
23	David HAMED	02.01.74
6	Richard JEZIERSKI	19.04.71
4	Mehdi MENIRI	29.06.77
3	Pascal RENIER (Blg)	03.08.71
20	Edouard THOMAS	08.09.71
26	Carl TOURENNE	10.06.72
2	Luciano ZAVAGNO (Arg)	06.08.77

MIDFIELDERS

14	Frederic ADAM	11.08.73
10	Frederic ARPINON	09.05.69
29	Fabio CELESTINI (Swi)	31.10.75
11	Sladjan DJUKIC (Yug)	21.12.66
17	Jerome MONIER	04.08.71
25	Jerome ROTHEN	31.03.78
22	Yannick ZAMBERNARDI	03.09.77

FORWARDS

8	Samuel BOUTAL	22.11.69
9	Farid GHAZI (Alg)	16.03.74
13	Nicolas GOUSSE	02.01.76
7	Nordin JBARI (Blg)	05.02.75
19	Damlaba MENDY	20.02.76
12	Mamadou NIANG (Sen)	13.10.79
18	Rafik SAIFI (Alg)	07.02.75

COACH

Alain PERRIN

GERMANY

BAYER LEVERKUSEN

GOALKEEPERS

20	Frank JURIC (Aus)	28.10.73
1	Adam MATYSEK (Pol)	19.07.68
31	Tom STARKE	18.03.81
22	Pascal ZUBERBUHLER (Swi)	08.01.71

DEFENDERS

19	Vratislav GRESKO (Slk)	24.07.77
14	Torben HOFFMANN	27.10.74
2	Robert KOVAC (Cro)	06.04.74
5	Jens NOWOTNY	11.01.74
6	Boris ZIVKOVIC (Cro)	15.11.75

MIDFIELDERS

3	Marko BABIC (Cro)	21.01.81
13	Michael BALLACK	26.09.76
33	Anel DZAKA	19.09.80
18	Frankie HEJDUK (USA)	05.08.74
21	MARQUINHOS (Bra)	29.08.81
16	Andreas NEUENDORF	09.02.75
17	Pascal OJIGWE (Nig)	11.12.76
28	Carsten RAMELOW	20.03.74
4	Jorg REEB	06.01.72
7	ROBSON PONTE (Bra)	06.11.76
25	Bernd SCHNEIDER	17.11.73
15	Jurica VRANJES (Cro)	30.01.80
8	ZE ROBERTO (Bra)	06.07.74

FORWARDS

23	Thomas BRDARIC	23.01.75
26	Landon DONOVAN (USA)	04.03.82
9	Ulf KIRSTEN	04.12.65
24	Seyedali MUSAWI (Irn)	22.04.74
27	Oliver NEUVILLE	01.05.73
11	Paulo Roberto RINK	21.02.73

COACH

Rudi VOLLER

BAYERN MUNICH

GOALKEEPERS

22	Bernd DREHER	02.11.66
1	Oliver KAHN	15.06.69
12	Stefan WESSELS	28.02.79

DEFENDERS

5	Patrik ANDERSSON (Swe)	18.08.71
29	Sebastian BACKER	05.09.80
4	Samuel Osei KUFFOUR (Gha)	03.09.76
25	Thomas LINKE	26.12.69
28	Patrick MOLZL	28.12.80
2	Willy SAGNOL (Fra)	18.03.77
10	Ciriaco SFORZA (Swi)	02.03.70

MIDFIELDERS

11	Stefan EFFENBERG	02.08.68
17	Thorsten FINK	29.10.67
23	Owen HARGREAVES (Eng)	20.01.81
16	Jens JEREMIES	05.03.74
3	Bixente LIZARAZU (Fra)	09.12.69
20	Hasan SALIHAMIDZIC (Bos)	01.01.77
7	Mehmet SCHOLL	16.10.70
34	Andrew SINKALA (Zam)	18.06.79
8	Thomas STRUNZ	25.04.68
18	Michael TARNAT	27.10.69
6	Michael WIESINGER	27.12.72
15	Slawomir WOJCIECHOWSKI (Pol)	06.09.73

FORWARDS

26	Antonio DI SALVO (Ita)	05.06.79
9	Giovane ELBER (Bra)	23.07.72
27	GOKTAN Berkant (Tur)	12.12.80
19	Carsten JANCKER	28.08.74
13	PAULO SERGIO Silvestre do Nascimento (Bra)	02.06.69
24	Roque SANTA CRUZ (Par)	16.08.81
21	Alexander ZICKLER	28.02.74

COACH

Ottmar HITZFELD

WORLDSERVICE

BOCHUM

GOALKEEPERS

21	Thomas ERNST	23.12.67
1	Rein VAN DUIJNHOVEN (Hol)	05.09.67
28	Christian VANDER	24.10.80

DEFENDERS

24	Michael BEMBEN	28.01.76
23	Mirko DICKHAUT	11.01.71
25	Frank FAHRENHORST	24.09.77
20	Zoran MAMIC (Cro)	30.09.71
3	Martin MEICHELBECK	21.11.76
5	Damir MILINOVIC (Cro)	15.10.72
16	Hilko RISTAU	24.04.74
4	Axel SUNDERMANN	23.01.68
2	Samir TOPLAK (Cro)	23.04.70

MIDFIELDERS

10	Yildiray BASTURK (Tur)	24.12.78
30	Paul FREIER	26.07.79
6	Matthias LUST	27.04.70
13	Sergei MANDREKO (Rus)	01.08.71
22	Thomas REIS	04.10.73
26	Mike RIETPIETSCH	26.03.74
8	Sebastian SCHINDZIELORZ	21.01.79
15	Olaf SCHREIBER	12.09.69
12	Thomas STICKROTH	13.04.65

FORWARDS

17	Henryk BALUSZYNSKI (Pol)	15.07.72
11	Delron BUCKLEY (SAf)	07.12.77
14	Ante COVIC (Cro)	31.08.75
19	Zdravko DRINCIC (Yug)	01.05.72
18	Marijo MARIC (Cro)	12.01.77
27	Rene MULLER	19.05.74
7	Peter PESCHEL	26.01.72
9	Achim WEBER	11.03.69

COACH

Ralf ZUMDICK

BORUSSIA DORTMUND

GOALKEEPERS

12	Wolfgang DE BEER	02.01.64
20	Philipp LAUX	25.01.73
1	Jens LEHMANN	10.11.69

DEFENDERS

5	Jurgen KOHLER	06.10.65
21	Christoph METZELDER	05.11.80
15	Alfred NIJHUIS (Hol)	23.03.66
7	Stefan REUTER	16.10.66
2	Christian WORNS	10.05.72

MIDFIELDERS

19	Otto ADDO (Gha)	09.06.75
31	Francis BUGRI	09.11.80
17	Leonardo de Deus Santos, DEDE (Bra)	18.04.78
3	EVANILSON Aparecido Ferreira (Bra)	12.09.75
6	Jorg HEINRICH	06.12.69
16	Sead KAPETANOVIC (Bos)	21.01.72
21	Christoph METZLDER	05.11.80
8	Christian NERLINGER	21.03.73
14	Sunday OLISEH (Nig)	14.09.74
18	Lars RICKEN	10.07.76
4	Miroslav STEVIC (Yug)	07.01.70

FORWARDS

9	Fredi BOBIC	30.10.71
11	Heiko HERRLICH	03.12.71
24	Victor IKPEBA (Nig)	12.06.73
13	Giuseppe REINA (Ita)	15.04.72
22	Ibrahim TANKO (Gha)	25.07.77

COACH

Matthias SAMMER

EINTRACHT FRANKFURT

GOALKEEPERS

12	Dirk HEINEN	03.12.70
1	Oka NIKOLOV (Mac)	25.05.74
23	Sven SCHMITT	27.12.76

DEFENDERS

20	Uwe BINDEWALD	13.08.68
13	Erol BULUT (Tur)	30.01.75
5	Petar HUBTCHEV (Bul)	26.02.64
2	Torsten KRACHT	04.10.67
18	Alexander KUTSCHERA	21.03.68
6	Markus LOSCH	26.09.71
34	Christoph PREUSS	04.07.81
4	Jens RASIEJEWSKI	01.01.75
14	Uwe SCHNEIDER	28.08.71
30	Thomas ZAMPACH	27.12.69

MIDFIELDERS

31	Peter DEISSENBERGER	01.11.76
36	Patrick FALK	08.02.80
3	Marco GEBHARDT	07.10.72
25	Frank GERSTER	15.04.76
15	Rolf-Christel GUIE-MIEN (Con)	28.10.77
10	Horst HELDT	09.12.69
33	Michael MUTZEL	27.09.79
35	Alexander ROSEN	10.04.79
24	Alexander SCHUR	23.07.71
7	Thomas SOBOTZIK	16.10.74
8	Ralf WEBER	31.05.69
19	Gerd WIMMER (Aut)	09.01.77

FORWARDS

26	Sasa CIRIC (Mac)	11.01.68
9	Jan-Aage FJORTOFT (Nor)	10.01.67
17	Thomas REICHENBERGER	14.10.74
11	Bachirou SALOU (Tog)	15.09.70
22	Ralf SCHMITT	21.01.77
21	Chen YANG (Chn)	17.01.74

COACH

Felix MAGATH

ENERGIE COTTBUS

GOALKEEPERS

1	Thomas KOHLER	17.06.67
23	Tomislav PIPLICA (Cro)	05.04.69

DEFENDERS

3	Christian BEECK	18.12.71
25	Faruk HUJDOROVIC (Bos)	14.05.70
17	Janos MATYUS (Hun)	20.12.74
31	Kevin McKENNA (Can)	21.01.80
2	Vilmos SEBOK (Hun)	13.06.73
14	Rudi VATA (Alb)	13.02.70

MIDFIELDERS

8	Bruno AKRAPOVIC (Bos)	26.09.67
10	Steffen HEIDRICH	19.07.67
16	Moussa LATOUNDJI (Ben)	13.08.78
9	Toni MICEVSKI (Mac)	20.01.70
24	Vasile MIRIUTA (Rom)	19.09.68
22	Patryk RACHWAL (Pol)	27.01.81
7	Laurentin REGHECAMPF (Rom)	19.09.75
4	Jorg SCHERBE	19.10.77
33	Ronny THIELEMANN	15.11.73
20	Rene TREHKOPF	08.04.80
5	Tzanko TZVETANOV (Bul)	06.01.70
13	Witold WAWRZYCZEK (Pol)	22.05.73

FORWARDS

21	Franklin BITENCOURT (Bra)	24.02.69
34	Sebastian HELBIG	25.04.77
15	Ferenc HORVATH (Hun)	06.05.73
18	Andrzej KOBYLANSKI (Pol)	31.07.70
19	Toralf KONETZKE	10.12.72
11	Antun LABAK (Cro)	14.07.70
30	Jonny RODLUND (Swe)	22.12.71

COACH

Eduard GEYER

FREIBURG

GOALKEEPERS

1	Richard GÖLZ	05.06.68
24	Timo REUS	02.05.74
21	Manuel SCHOPPEL	30.10.80

DEFENDERS

25	Michele BORROZZINO	02.12.76
17	Boubacar DIARRA (Mli)	15.07.79
16	Lars HERMEL	28.09.70
5	Oumar KONDE (Fra)	19.08.79
13	Stefan MULLER	08.03.74
2	Daniel SCHUMANN	13.02.77

MIDFIELDERS

7	Zoubaier BAYA (Tun)	15.05.71
	Vladimir BUT (Rus)	07.09.77
30	Ismail COULIBALY (Mli)	15.04.78
8	Bjorn DREYER	27.07.77
15	Volker HUGEL	20.06.80
6	Sebastian KEHL	13.02.80
10	Levan KOBIASHVILI (Geo)	10.07.77
12	Ralf KOHL	28.10.65
29	Tobias WILLI	14.12.79
20	Ferydoon ZANDI	26.04.79
4	Andreas ZEYER	09.06.68
3	Levan TSKITISHVILI (Geo)	10.10.76

FORWARDS

23	Florian BRUNS	21.08.79
22	Regis DORN	22.12.79
9	Aleksandr IASHVILI (Geo)	23.10.77
14	Abder RAMDANE (Fra)	23.02.74
32	Adel SELLIMI (Tun)	16.11.72
11	Marco WEISSHAUPT	24.06.72

COACH

Volker FINKE

HAMBURG

GOALKEEPERS

1	Hans-Jorg BUTT	28.05.74
32	Thomas HILLENBRAND	10.10.79
31	Mathias SCHOBER	08.04.76
23	Carsten WEHLMANN	27.06.72

DEFENDERS

13	Andreas FISCHER	20.10.64
37	Milan FUKAL (Cze)	16.05.75
4	Ingo HERTZSCH	22.07.77
5	Nico-Jan HOOGMA (Hol)	26.10.68
2	Jochen KIENTZ	17.09.72
25	Benjamin KRUSE	04.05.78
3	Andrej PANADIC (Yug)	09.03.69

MIDFIELDERS

30	Christoph BABATZ	03.09.74
14	Sergej BARBAREZ (Bos)	17.09.71
27	Rodolfo Esteban CARDOSO (Arg)	17.10.68
10	Thomas DOLL	09.04.66
7	Martin GROTH	20.10.69
20	Bernd HOLLERBACH	08.12.69
11	Niko KOVAC (Cro)	15.10.71
18	Ronald MAUL	13.02.73
6	Jan SANDMANN	03.05.78
21	Harald SPORL	31.10.66
12	Stig TOFTING (Den)	14.08.69

FORWARDS

29	Karsten BARON	24.04.73
26	Marinus BESTER	16.01.69
8	Jacek DEMBINSKI (Pol)	20.12.69
16	Vahid HASHEMIAN (Irn)	21.07.76
9	Marek HEINZ (Cze)	04.08.77
28	Marcel KETELAER	03.11.77
15	Mehdi MAHDAVIKIA (Irn)	24.07.77
22	Roy PRAGER	22.09.71
19	Soner UYSAL	24.08.77
17	Anthony YEBOAH (Gha)	06.06.66
24	Mahmut YILMAZ	06.10.79

COACH

Frank PAGELSDORF

HANSA ROSTOCK

GOALKEEPERS

26	Perry BRAUTIGAM	28.03.63
21	Daniel KLEWER	04.03.77
1	Martin PIECKENHAGEN	15.11.71

DEFENDERS

4	Sven BENKEN	20.04.70
5	Andreas JAKOBSSON (Swe)	06.10.72
14	Kai OSWALD	29.11.77
20	Rene SCHNEIDER	01.02.73
16	Rayk SCHRODER	25.12.74
8	Hilmar WEILANDT	29.09.66
25	Marco ZALLMANN	17.11.67

MIDFIELDERS

23	Christian BRAND	23.05.72
9	Matthias BREITKREUTZ	12.05.71
3	Mohamed EMARA (Egy)	10.06.74
2	Timo LANGE	19.01.68
17	Marcus LANTZ (Swe)	23.10.75
18	Slawomir MAJAK (Pol)	12.01.69
7	Rene RYDLEWICZ	18.07.73
38	Peter WIBRAN (Swe)	23.03.69
12	Radwan YASSER (Egy)	22.04.72

FORWARDS

22	Victor AGALI (Nig)	29.12.78
19	Abdelaziz AHANFOUF	14.01.78
15	Magnus ARVIDSSON (Swe)	12.02.73
27	Steffen BAUMGART	05.01.72
11	Henri FUCHS	23.06.70
10	Kreso KOVACEC	20.07.69

COACH

Friedhelm FUNKEL

HERTHA BERLIN

GOALKEEPERS

28	Michael ECKHARD	15.09.78
12	Christian FIEDLER	27.03.75
1	Gabor KIRALY (Hun)	01.04.76

DEFENDERS

3	Rui Manuel MARQUES (Por)	03.09.77
33	Marko REHMER	29.04.72
14	Josip SIMUNIC (Aus)	18.02.78
6	Eyjolfur SVERRISSON (Ice)	03.08.68
4	Dick VAN BURIK (Hol)	29.11.73

MIDFIELDERS

22	Stefan BEINLICH	13.01.72
18	Pal DARDAI (Hun)	16.03.76
26	Sebastian DEISLER	05.01.80
21	Michael HARTMANN	11.07.74
5	Kostas KONSTANTINIDIS (Gre)	31.08.72
3	Rob MAAS (Hol)	17.12.69
20	Tony SANNEH (USA)	01.06.71
19	Andreas SCHMIDT	14.09.73
23	Rene TRETSCHOK	23.12.68
16	Sixten VEIT	07.01.70
10	Dariusz WOSZ	08.06.69

FORWARDS

7	ALEX Alves (Bra)	30.12.74
9	Ali DAEI (Irn)	21.03.69
35	Benjamin KOHLER	04.08.80
24	Kai MICHALKE	05.04.76
11	Michael PREETZ	17.08.67
29	Piotr REISS (Pol)	20.06.72
15	Bryan ROY (Hol)	12.02.70

COACH

Jurgen ROBER

WORLDSERVICE

EURO SQUADS 2000-01

KAISERSLAUTERN

GOALKEEPERS

16	Uwe GOSPODAREK	06.08.73
1	Georg KOCH	03.02.72
29	Lajos SZUCS (Hun)	08.08.73
26	Roman WEIDENFELLER	06.08.80

DEFENDERS

3	Petr GABRIEL (Cze)	17.05.73
20	Tomasz KLOS (Pol)	07.03.73
24	Harry KOCH	15.11.69
13	Slobodan KOMLJENOVIC (Yug)	02.01.71
6	Hany RAMZY (Egy)	10.03.69
4	Axel ROOS	19.08.64
28	Ibrahim SAMIR (Egy)	02.04.72
2	Michael SCHJONBERG (Den)	19.01.67
27	Marco STARK	09.07.81
5	Murat YAKIN (Swi)	15.09.74

MIDFIELDERS

30	Mario BASLER	18.12.68
22	Andreas BUCK	29.12.67
14	Youri DJORKAEFF (Fra)	09.03.68
8	Dimitrios GRAMMOZIS (Gre)	08.07.78
7	Marian HRISTOV (Bul)	29.07.73
17	Everson Rodrigues, RATINHO (Bra)	08.06.71
12	Marco REICH	30.12.77
21	Jeff STRASSER (Lux)	05.10.74

FORWARDS

23	Silvio ADZIC	23.09.80
25	Miroslav KLOSE	09.06.78
10	Vratislav LOKVENC (Cze)	27.09.73
11	Olaf MARSCHALL	19.03.66
9	Jorgen PETTERSSON (Swe)	29.09.75
19	Igli TARE (Alb)	25.07.73

COACH

Andreas BREHME

KOLN

GOALKEEPERS

16	Alexander BADE	25.08.70
1	Markus PROLL	28.08.79

DEFENDERS

5	Spasoje BULAJIC (Sln)	24.11.75
20	Thomas CICHON	09.07.76
2	Carsten CULLMANN	05.03.76
13	Janosch DZIWIOR	19.09.74
12	Jens KELLER	24.11.70
30	Dirk LOTTNER	04.03.72
4	Moses SICHONE (Zam)	31.05.77

MIDFIELDERS

24	Miroslav BARANEK (Cze)	10.11.73
17	Marcel GEBHARDT	15.09.79
21	Ivica GRLIC (Cro)	06.08.75
7	Ralf HAUPTMANN	20.09.68
14	Markus KREUZ	29.04.77
27	Alassane OUEDRAOGO (BuF)	07.09.80
8	Matthias SCHERZ	14.12.71
15	Christian SPRINGER	15.07.71
23	Christian TIMM	27.02.79
3	Alexander VOIGT	13.04.78
6	Ivan VUKOMANOVIC (Yug)	19.06.77
10	Claus-Dieter WOLLITZ	19.07.65

FORWARDS

11	Archil ARVELADZE (Geo)	22.02.73
9	Georgi DONKOV (Bul)	02.06.70
25	Markus DWORRAK	23.01.78
18	Markus KURTH	30.07.73
22	Darko PIVALJEVIC (Yug)	18.02.75

COACH

Ewald LIENEN

1860 MUNICH

GOALKEEPERS

1	Michael HOFMANN	03.11.72
29	Simon JENTZSCH	04.05.76

DEFENDERS

24	Uwe EHLERS	08.03.75
15	Holger GREILICH	12.07.71
4	Marco KURZ	16.05.69
26	Mate LACIC (Cro)	12.09.80
2	Stephan PASSLACK	24.08.70
25	Achim PFUDERER	29.11.75
16	Martin STRANZL (Aut)	16.06.80
12	Filip TAPALOVIC (Cro)	22.10.76
5	Tomas VOTAVA (Cze)	21.02.74
3	Ned ZELIC (Aus)	04.07.71

MIDFIELDERS

28	Daniel BIEROFKA	07.02.79
17	Daniel BORIMIROV (Bul)	15.01.70
13	Harald CERNY (Aut)	13.09.73
20	Martin CIZEK (Cze)	09.06.74
10	Thomas HASSLER	30.05.66
14	Erik MYKLAND (Nor)	21.07.71
8	Christian PROSENIK (Aut)	07.06.68
7	Marcus PURK (Aut)	21.09.74
23	Thomas RIEDL	18.06.76
6	Roman TYCE (Cze)	07.05.77

FORWARDS

18	Paul AGOSTINO (Aus)	09.06.75
19	Markus BEIERLE	02.06.72
30	Christian FROHLICH	27.10.77
9	Martin MAX	07.08.68
21	Markus SCHROTH	25.01.75
11	Bernhard WINKLER	24.06.66

COACH

Werner LORANT

SCHALKE

GOALKEEPERS

13	Frode GRODAS (Nor)	24.10.64
1	Oliver RECK	27.02.65
29	Toni TAPALOVIC (Cro)	10.10.80

DEFENDERS

25	Johan DE KOCK (Hol)	25.10.64
4	Yves EIGENRAUCH	24.04.71
6	Tomasz HAJTO (Pol)	16.10.72
23	Markus HAPPE	11.02.72
32	Benjamin KOCH	15.02.81
28	Sladan PERIC (Den)	14.04.82
10	Olaf THON	01.05.66
12	Marco VAN HOOGDALEM (Hol)	23.05.72
15	Tomasz WALDOCH (Pol)	10.05.71
27	Benjamin WINGERTER	25.03.83

MIDFIELDERS

17	Unal ALPUGAN	03.08.73
8	Jorg BOHME	22.01.74
19	Michael BUSKENS	19.03.68
30	Tamas HAJNAL (Hun)	15.03.81
16	Oliver HELD	10.09.72
5	Sven KMETSCH	13.08.70
3	Radoslav LATAL (Cze)	06.01.70
31	Thorsten LEGAT	07.11.68
34	Christian MIKOLAJCZAK	15.05.81
7	Andreas MOLLER	02.09.67
20	Jiri NEMEC (Cze)	16.05.66
18	Niels OUDE KAMPHUIS (Hol)	14.11.77
2	Nico VAN KERCKHOVEN (Blg)	14.12.70

FORWARDS

14	Gerald ASAMOAH	03.10.78
26	Ali GOL (Tur)	13.07.76
21	Emile MPENZA (Blg)	04.07.78
9	Youri MULDER (Hol)	23.03.69
11	Ebbe SAND (Den)	19.07.72

COACH

Huub STEVENS

STUTTGART

GOALKEEPERS

1	Timo HILDEBRAND	05.04.79
28	Eberhard TRAUTNER	07.02.67

DEFENDERS

3	Stefan BLANK	10.03.77
5	Marcelo Jose BORDON (Bra)	07.01.76
29	Steffen DANGELMAYR	09.09.78
21	Jochen ENDRESS	03.11.72
2	Silvio MEISSNER	19.01.73
14	Thomas SCHNEIDER	24.11.72
27	Timo WENZEL	30.11.77

MIDFIELDERS

10	Krassimir BALAKOV (Bul)	29.03.66
16	Bradley CARNELL (SAf)	22.01.77
18	Giuseppe CATIZONE (Ita)	20.09.77
7	Kristijan DJORDJEVIC (Yug)	06.01.76
12	Heiko GERBER	11.07.72
26	Andreas HINKEL	26.03.82
30	Aliaksandr HLEB (Bls)	01.05.81
32	Rudiger KAUF	01.03.75
22	Krisztian LISZTES (Hun)	02.07.76
33	Roberto PINTO (Por)	22.08.78
20	Zvonimir SOLDO (Cro)	02.11.67
6	Pablo THIAM (Gui)	03.01.74
8	Jens TODT	05.01.70

FORWARDS

35	Joannis AMANATIDIS (Gre)	03.12.81
36	Sean DUNDEE	07.12.72
11	Ioan GANEA (Rom)	10.08.73
23	Ahmed Salah HOSNY (Egy)	11.07.79
17	Jochen SEITZ	11.10.76
	Christian TIFFERT	18.02.82

COACH

Ralf RANGNICK

UNTERHACHING

GOALKEEPERS

30	Guido KOLTERMANN	13.08.74
28	Gerhard TREMMEL	16.11.78
1	Jurgen WITTMANN	14.08.66

DEFENDERS

6	Jorg BERGEN	27.06.66
4	Ralf BUCHER	06.04.72
20	Dennis GRASSOW	10.10.71
21	Bjorn HERTL	10.08.76
17	Jan SEIFERT	14.10.68
2	Alexander STREHMEL	20.03.68

MIDFIELDERS

24	Francisco COPADO (Spa)	19.07.74
32	Stefan EGGER (Aut)	08.12.79
19	Marco HABER	21.09.71
22	Dietmar HIRSCH	08.12.71
7	Dirk HOFMANN	06.06.69
33	Tobias ISELI	17.08.78
18	Ludwig KOGL	07.03.66
10	Markus OBERLEITNER	16.08.73
12	Danny SCHWARZ	11.05.75
3	Oliver STRAUBE	13.12.71
8	Peter ZEILER	08.10.70

FORWARDS

26	Andre BREITENREITER	02.10.73
11	Alexander BUGERA	08.08.78
14	Alfonso GARCIA (Spa)	24.10.69
34	Thomas GLAS	14.04.80
9	Altin RRAKLLI (Alb)	17.07.70
16	Mirosiaw SPIZAK (Pol)	13.01.79
23	David ZDRILIC (Aus)	13.04.74
13	Mark ZIMMERMANN	01.03.74

COACH

Lorenz-Gunther KOSTNER

WERDER BREMEN

GOALKEEPERS

16	Pascal BOREL	26.09.78
12	Stefan BRASAS	31.08.67
1	Frank ROST	30.06.73

DEFENDERS

33	Mike BARTEN	20.11.73
6	Frank BAUMANN	29.10.75
20	Mladen KRSTAJIC (Yug)	04.03.74
19	Victor SKRIPNIK (Ukr)	19.11.69
28	Razundara TJIKUZU (Nam)	12.12.79
14	Frank VERLAAT (Hol)	05.03.68
13	Andree WIEDENER	14.03.70

MIDFIELDERS

11	Ivica BANOVIC (Cro)	02.08.80
23	Christoph DABROWSKI	01.07.78
5	Dieter EILTS	13.12.64
2	Fabian ERNST	30.05.79
15	Dieter FREY	31.10.72
22	Torsten FRINGS	22.11.76
39	Danny FUTTERER	28.08.75
18	Andreas HERZOG (Aut)	10.09.68
7	Yurii MAXIMOV (Ukr)	08.12.68
38	Bjorn SCHIERENBECK	12.07.74
35	Paul STALTERI (Can)	18.10.77
8	Bernhard TRARES	18.08.65
3	Raphael WICKY (Swi)	26.04.77

FORWARDS

32	AILTON Goncalves da Silva (Bra)	19.07.73
17	Marco BODE	23.07.69
9	Rade BOGDANOVIC (Yug)	21.05.70
	Enrico KERN	12.03.79
10	Claudio PIZARRO (Per)	03.10.78

COACH

Thomas SCHAAF

WOLFSBURG

GOALKEEPERS

22	Holger HIEMANN	12.01.68
30	Stephan LOBOUE	23.08.81
1	Claus REITMAIER	17.03.64

DEFENDERS

13	Marino BILISKOV (Cro)	17.03.76
4	Thomas HENGEN	22.09.74
12	Waldemar KRYGER (Pol)	08.11.68
23	Sven MULLER	04.04.80
5	Brian O'NEIL (Sco)	06.09.72
6	Claus THOMSEN (Den)	31.05.70

MIDFIELDERS

24	Charles AKONNOR (Gha)	12.03.74
27	Simon FAHNER	21.04.78
3	Frank GREINER	03.07.66
18	Dietmar KUHBAUER (Aut)	04.04.71
33	Marcel MALTRITZ	02.10.78
14	Dorinel MUNTEANU (Rom)	25.06.68
10	Krzysztof NOWAK (Pol)	27.09.75
26	Zoltan SEBESCEN	01.10.75
28	Benjamin SIEGERT	07.07.81
15	Andreas VOSS	27.02.79
8	Martin WAGNER	24.02.68
7	Patrick WEISER	25.12.71

FORWARDS

19	Jonathan AKPOBORIE (Nig)	20.10.68
29	Mike BUSCH	05.04.81
20	Markus FELDHOFF	29.08.74
9	Andrzej JUSKOWIAK (Pol)	03.11.70
31	Joshua KENNEDY	20.08.82
11	Tomislav MARIC (Cro)	28.01.73
17	Jurgen RISCHE	30.10.70

COACH

Wolfgang WOLF

WORLDSERVICE

HOLLAND

AJAX

GOALKEEPERS

1	Fred GRIM	17.08.65
12	Bogdan LOBONT (Rom)	18.01.78

DEFENDERS

3	Andre BERGDOLMO (Nor)	13.10.71
5	Cristian CHIVU (Rom)	15.10.80
15	Tim DE CLER	08.11.78
22	Ole TOBIASEN (Den)	08.07.75
2	Ferdi VIERKLAU	01.04.73

MIDFIELDERS

4	Tomas GALASEK (Cze)	15.01.73
10	Richard KNOPPER	29.08.77
16	John NIEUWENBURG	24.12.78
18	John O'BRIEN (USA)	29.08.77
20	Cedric VAN DER GUN	05.05.79
21	Rafael VAN DER VAART	11.02.83
6	Aron WINTER	01.03.67
8	Richard WITSCHGE	20.09.69

FORWARDS

9	Shota ARVELADZE (Geo)	22.02.73
21	Kevin BOBSON	13.11.80
11	Jesper GRONKJAER (Den)	12.08.77
14	Brutil HOSE	09.10.79
19	Nikos MACHLAS (Gre)	16.06.73
7	Andy VAN DER MEYDE	30.09.79
17	WAMBERTO Sousa Campos (Bra)	13.12.74
22	Abubakari YAKUBU (Gha)	18.12.81

COACH

Co ADRIAANSE

AZ

GOALKEEPERS

	Oscar MOENS	01.04.73
	Henk TIMMER	03.12.71

DEFENDERS

	Abdelkrim EL HADRIOUI (Mor)	06.03.72
	Jose FORTES RODRIGUEZ (Spa)	13.03.72
	Urvin LEE	18.08.73
	Olaf LINDENBERGH	06.02.74
	Barry OPDAM	27.02.76
	Peter WIJKER	20.07.71

MIDFIELDERS

	Elbekay BOUCHIBA (Mor)	01.11.78
	Michael BUSKERMOLEN	02.03.72
	Jan KROMKAMP	17.08.80
	Miel MANS	22.03.78
	Paul MATTHIJS	05.10.76
	Arno SCHAAP	17.10.74
	Barry VAN GALEN	04.04.70
	Jannes WOLTERS	22.06.79

FORWARDS

	John BOSMAN	01.02.65
	Dries BOUSSATTA	23.12.72
	CANIGIA (Bra)	10.01.79
	Jamal DIBI	05.12.79
	Youssef FERTOUT (Mor)	07.07.70
	Max HUIBERTS	17.11.70
	Robin NELISSE	25.01.78
	Kenneth PEREZ (Den)	29.08.74

COACH

Gerard VAN DER LEM

DE GRAAFSCHAP

GOALKEEPERS

	Martijn BESSELINK	03.07.75
	Stefan POSTMA	06.10.76
	Jurgen WEVERS	12.01.79

DEFENDERS

	Milan BERCK BEELENKAMP	17.09.77
	Harald BERENDSEN	10.08.80
	Rene BOT	06.11.78
	Purrel FRANKEL	08.10.76
	Michel NOK	13.07.71
	Erik REDEKER	20.07.68
	Komi TCHANGAI (Tog)	08.08.78
	Jan VREMAN	17.09.65

MIDFIELDERS

	Marco APOLLONI (Ita)	10.04.81
	Dennis DEN TURK	27.06.69
	Willem HUPKES	19.10.79
	Martijn MEERDINK	15.09.76
	Arno SPLINTER	29.08.77
	Ruslan VALEEV (Ukr)	13.10.81

FORWARDS

	Bakary DIAKITE (Ger)	09.11.80
	Jeremy OVERBEEK-BLOEM	26.08.80
	Marino PROMES	11.02.77
	Zico TUMBA (DRC)	29.04.77
	Rody TURPIJN	25.04.78
	Glenn VAN VEEN	17.03.81
	Eric VISCAAL	20.03.68

COACH

Rob McDONALD

FEYENOORD

GOALKEEPERS

1	Jurek DUDEK (Pol)	23.03.73
21	Zbigniew MALKOWSKI (Pol)	10.01.78
25	Cor VARKEVISSER	14.05.82

DEFENDERS

20	Ferry DE HAAN	12.09.72
23	Brett EMERTON (Aus)	22.02.79
2	Christian GYAN (Gha)	02.11.78
4	Steve LAYBUTT (Aus)	03.09.77
27	Steve OLFERS	25.02.82
3	Tomasz RZASA (Pol)	11.03.73
29	Rene VAN DIEREN	12.03.81
22	Ulrich VAN GOBBEL	16.01.71
8	Kees VAN WONDEREN	04.01.69

MIDFIELDERS

6	Paul BOSVELT	26.03.70
19	Jan DE VISSER	01.01.68
16	Arco JOCHEMSEN	21.02.71
17	Patrick PAAUWE	27.12.75
5	Jean-Paul VAN GASTEL	28.04.72

FORWARDS

15	Johan ELMANDER (Swe)	27.05.81
7	Bonaventure KALOU (IvC)	12.01.78
18	Igor KORNEEV (Rus)	04.09.67
28	LEONARDO de Vitor Santiago (Bra)	09.03.83
11	Radoslav SAMARDZIC (Yug)	17.01.70
24	SOMALIA Wanderson de Paula Sabino (Bra)	22.06.77
13	Ronildo Pereira de Freitas, TININHO (Bra)	23.10.77
10	Jon Dahl TOMASSON (Den)	29.08.76
14	Peter VAN VOSSEN	21.04.68

COACH

Bert VAN MARWIJK

FORTUNA

GOALKEEPERS

	Davy BERTJENS	15.03.82
	Ruud HESP	31.10.65
	Roger JUFFING	11.05.74
	Mark ZEGERS	08.02.77

DEFENDERS

	Marcel AKERBOOM	18.10.81
	Jo GEERINCKX (Blg)	12.01.79
	Edwin HERMANS	23.05.74
	Wim KIEKENS (Blg)	26.02.68
	David KLIMEK (Ger)	03.09.81
	Robert ROEST	30.10.69
	Rob SCHULPEN	12.09.80
	Joost VOLMER	07.03.74

MIDFIELDERS

	Ismail AYAZ (Tur)	26.02.79
	Stijn HAELDERMANS (Blg)	22.04.75
	Cliff HAMERS	03.04.81
	Marco HEERING	08.05.70
	Ruud KOOL	01.11.66
	Rolf LANDERL (Aut)	24.10.75
	Jarda PACIOREK (Cze)	11.07.79
	Joos VAN BARNEVELD	18.01.82
	Jochem VAN DER HOEVEN	05.10.75

FORWARDS

	Pascal AVERDIJK	16.11.77
	Dennis GERRITSEN	29.06.71
	Ronald HAMMING	09.01.73
	Dennis KRIJGSMAN	21.07.72
	Georges TYCHON	16.10.80

COACH

Henk DUUT

GRONINGEN

GOALKEEPERS

	Roy BEUKENKAMP	12.01.68
	Egbert DARWINKEL	18.09.65
	Dennis SCHOMAKER	16.01.78

DEFENDERS

	Mohammed ALLACH	20.09.73
	Joost BROERSE	08.05.79
	Kurt ELSHOT	03.07.77
	Paul JANSSEN	17.09.71
	Roel JANSSEN	29.09.75
	Magnus JOHANSSON (Swe)	10.11.71
	Bjorn SCHILDER	03.05.79
	Erwin VAN DE LOOI	25.02.72

MIDFIELDERS

	HUGO Alves Velame (Bra)	23.07.74
	LEONARDO dos Santos Silva (Bra)	21.08.76
	Dominique VAN DIJK	05.09.79
	Gregoor VAN DIJK	16.11.81

FORWARDS

	Tony ALBERDA	23.03.74
	Dejan CUROVIC (Yug)	10.08.68
	Martin DRENT	31.03.70
	Mustapha EL IDRISSI (Mor)	16.11.77
	Billy MAXIMIANO	02.04.74
	Wouter VAN DEN HERIK	27.11.79
	Hans VISSER	17.12.66

COACH

Jan VAN DIJK

HEERENVEEN

GOALKEEPERS

16	Barry DITEWIG	14.10.77
35	Kees KOSTWINDER	05.05.82
1	Hans VONK (SAf)	30.01.70

DEFENDERS

30	David DAMMAN (Blg)	02.09.76
5	Gerard DE NOOIJER	04.04.69
21	Arian EBBINGE	06.12.74
4	Johan HANSMA	11.06.69
3	Tieme KLOMPE	08.04.76
19	Mile KRSTEV (Mac)	13.05.79
15	Godfrey NWANKPA (Nig)	20.12.78
2	Ronnie VENEMA	16.10.74
23	Harvey WIJNGAARDEN	23.01.81

MIDFIELDERS

20	Jesper HAKANSSON (Den)	14.08.80
18	Thomas HOLM (Nor)	19.02.81
13	Max HOUTTUIN	28.04.78
6	Arek RADOMSKI (Pol)	27.06.77
27	Dragan SLADAKOVIC (Cro)	12.11.82
	Sander VAN GESSEL	04.11.76

FORWARDS

22	Ian CLAES (Blg)	16.07.81
9	Dennis DE NOOIJER	04.04.69
25	Romano DENNEBOOM	29.01.81
12	Harris HUIZINGH	10.02.63
10	Daniel JENSEN (Den)	25.06.79
24	Santi KOLK	02.10.81
11	Anthony LURLING	22.04.77
29	Thomas MYSSING (Den)	06.04.81
7	Mika NURMELA (Fin)	26.12.71
28	Thijs SLUIJTER	10.02.80
8	Jeffrey TALAN	29.09.71
14	Ignacio TUHUTERU	23.08.73
31	Rene VAN DE WEY	22.11.82
26	Marc VAN EIJK	05.11.81

COACH

Foppe DE HAAN

NAC

GOALKEEPERS

	Gabor BABOS (Hun)	24.10.74
	Wilko DE VOGT	17.09.75
	Peter ZOIS (Aus)	21.04.78

DEFENDERS

	Frank BROERS	29.08.77
	Dave DE JONG	26.04.75
	Kofi MENSAH (Gha)	08.03.73
	Rob PENDERS	31.12.75
	Jeffrey VAN AS	09.04.72

MIDFIELDERS

	CRISTIANO dos Santos Rodrigues (Bra)	03.06.81
	Arno DOOMERNIK	14.08.70
	Nebojsa GUDELJ (Yug)	23.09.69
	Christian OPSCHOOR	04.10.80
	Alfred SCHREUDER	02.11.72
	SERGIO Pacheco de Oliveira (Bra)	07.06.81
	Earnest STEWART	28.03.69
	Maurice STEYN	20.11.73
	Ferry VAN VLIET	18.08.80
	Rick VERSTEEG	30.07.76

FORWARDS

	Orlando ENGELAAR	24.08.79
	Glen SALMON (SAf)	24.12.77
	Regillio SIMONS	28.06.73

COACH

Henk TEN CATE

WORLDSERVICE

EURO SQUADS 2000-01

NEC

GOALKEEPERS

1	Dennis GENTENAAR	30.09.75
30	Kevin MOELIKER	27.05.80
25	Albert VAN DER SLEEN	30.04.63

DEFENDERS

6	Pieter COLLEN (Blg)	20.06.80
12	Hennie DE ROMIJN	23.02.68
2	Richard GOULOOZE	16.11.67
5	Danny HESP	19.10.69
26	Jeffrey LEIWAKABESSY	23.02.81
4	Luuk MAES	05.11.71
16	Mark OOSTERHOF	21.11.71
22	Mark VERHOEVEN	14.10.69
14	Peter WISGERHOF	19.11.79

MIDFIELDERS

8	Anton JANSSEN	10.08.63
3	Marcel KONING	14.01.75
20	Pavel MIKHALEVICH (Bls)	22.01.74
13	Marchanno SCHULTZ	17.12.72
27	Frits VAN PUTTEN	06.02.80
19	Peter VAN PUTTEN	06.02.80
18	Mike ZONNEVELD	27.10.80

FORWARDS

10	Patrick AX	01.12.79
15	Jack DE GIER	06.08.68
17	Adilson Ben David DOS SANTOS	15.05.74
9	Georgi HRISTOV (Mac)	30.01.76
7	Bart LATUHERU	08.11.65
14	Rene VAN RIJSWIJK	03.01.71

COACH

Johan NEESKENS

PSV

GOALKEEPERS

1	Ivica KRALJ (Yug)	26.03.73
20	Patrick LODEWIJKS	21.02.67
23	Ronald WATERREUS	25.08.70

DEFENDERS

18	Eric ADDO (Gha)	12.11.78
30	Kasper BOGELUND (Den)	08.10.80
3	Jurgen DIRKX	15.08.75
4	Ernest FABER	27.08.71
5	Jan HEINTZE (Den)	17.08.63
29	Kevin HOFLAND	07.06.79
16	Theo LUCIUS	19.12.76
21	Yuri NIKIFOROV (Rus)	16.09.70
2	Andre OOIJER	11.07.74
13	Chris VAN DER WEERDEN	15.11.72

MIDFIELDERS

15	John DE JONG	08.03.77
27	Robert FUCHS	15.02.75
24	Ovidiu STINGA (Rom)	05.12.72
6	Mark VAN BOMMEL	22.04.77
17	Bjorn VAN DER DOELEN	24.08.76
14	Johann VOGEL (Swi)	08.03.77

FORWARDS

22	Wilfred BOUMA	15.06.78
10	Arnold BRUGGINK	24.07.77
31	Oliveira Pereira CLAUDIO (Bra)	05.02.79
28	Tomasz IWAN (Pol)	12.06.71
9	Mateja KEZMAN (Yug)	12.04.79
11	Joonas KOLKKA (Fin)	28.09.74
7	Adil RAMZI (Mor)	14.07.77
19	Dennis ROMMEDAHL (Den)	22.07.78
8	Ruud VAN NISTELROOY	01.07.76

COACH

Eric GERETS (Blg)

RBC

GOALKEEPERS

Sieb DIJKSTRA	20.10.66
Jorg VAN NIEUWENHUIJZEN	22.08.78

DEFENDERS

Winston BAKBOORD	24.12.71
Marvin BRUNSWIJK	24.10.76
Marcel CAS	30.04.72
Eric HELLEMONS	02.06.71
Sander KELLER	18.09.79
Martijn KUIPER	21.11.78
Sebastien STASSIN (Blg)	28.06.78
John TAKS	16.01.79
Erwin VAN DER WOERDT	25.10.76
Maurice VERBERNE	12.06.71

MIDFIELDERS

Remco HEERKENS	04.07.77
Pascal HEIJE	02.10.79
Damien HERTOG	03.12.74
Copain KORTLAND	18.03.73
Maarten SCHOPS (Blg)	03.04.76
John VELDMAN	24.02.68

FORWARDS

Gijs CALES	03.07.77
Kevin DE VETH	14.09.79
Darl DOUGLAS	05.10.79
Jeffrey KOOISTRA	10.11.68
Martijn VAN GALEN	28.12.70
Marcel VAN HELMOND	25.11.66
Henk VOS	05.06.68

COACH

Robert MAASKANT

RKC

GOALKEEPERS

Khalid SINOUH (Mor)	02.05.75
Rob VAN DIJK	15.01.69

DEFENDERS

Darije KALEZIC (Bos)	01.11.69
Michael LAMEY	29.11.79
David Sousa NASCIMENTO (Por)	16.03.66
Emmanuel NWAKIRE (Nig)	15.08.78
Virgilio TEIXEIRA (Por)	11.08.73
Peter VAN DEN BERG	19.12.71
Carlos VAN WANROOY	01.06.67

MIDFIELDERS

Garry DE GRAEF (Blg)	21.10.74
Bas DREEF	15.01.79
Giovanni FRANKEN	14.11.77
Dejan GOVEDARICA (Yug)	02.10.69
Joey GUDJONSSON (Ice)	25.05.80
Roberto LANCKOHR	06.08.69
Zeljko PETROVIC (Yug)	13.11.65
Ivar VAN DINTEREN	03.05.79
John VAN LOENHOUT	24.04.77
Wout VAN STEENVELDT	11.03.80

FORWARDS

Yuri CORNELISSE	08.05.75
Ron HEESAKKERS	25.11.78
Rick HOOGENDORP	12.01.75
Arjan HUMAN	08.11.78
Yuri PETROV (Ukr)	18.07.74
Iwan REDAN	21.08.80

COACH

Martin JOL

RODA JC

GOALKEEPERS

Zeljko KALAC (Aus)	16.12.72
Bas ROORDA	13.02.73
Jan VERCAMMEN (Blg)	28.12.78

DEFENDERS

Marc EBERLE (Ger)	03.06.80
Mark LUYPERS	05.10.70
Humphrey RUDGE	15.08.77
Ger SENDEN	09.07.71
Fatih SONKAYA	01.07.81
Igor TOMASIC (Cro)	14.12.76
Ramon VAN HAAREN	16.09.72
Regillio VREDE	18.01.73

MIDFIELDERS

Garba LAWAL (Nig)	22.05.74
Marc NYGAARD (Den)	01.09.76
Eric VAN DER LUER	16.08.65
Kevin VAN DESSEL (Blg)	09.04.79
Sven VANDENBROECK (Blg)	22.09.79
Tim ZUIDERSMA	22.04.80

FORWARDS

Yannis ANASTASIOU (Gre)	05.03.73
Samir OUINDI (Ger)	13.08.79
Paolo RAMORA (Ita)	14.10.80
Tom SOETAERS (Blg)	21.07.80
Bernard TCHOUTANG (Cam)	02.09.76
Gabor TORMA (Hun)	01.08.76
Dave ZAFARIN	22.05.78

COACH

Sef VERGOOSSEN

SPARTA

GOALKEEPERS

Roland JANSEN	24.09.69
Frank KOOIMAN	13.01.70

DEFENDERS

Houssin BEZZAI (Mor)	04.11.78
Richard ELZINGA	27.07.69
Steve GOOSSEN	12.11.68
Reginaldo MARILIA de Santana (Bra)	22.07.75
Maurits VAN DALEN	25.11.80
Dave VAN DER MEER	13.05.73

MIDFIELDERS

Nourdin BOUKHARI	13.06.80
Yurtcan KAYIS (Tur)	29.07.75
Michel LANGERAK	08.07.68
David MENDES DA SILVA	04.08.82
Patrick MOLENDIJK	10.03.77
Anders NIELSEN (Den)	23.11.72
Sieme ZIJM	25.01.78

FORWARDS

Rui ALMEIDA MONTEIRO	15.06.77
John DEN DUNNEN	22.07.72
Fouad ELHAMDAOUI (Mor)	10.08.80
Ali ELKHATTABI (Mor)	17.01.77
Silvan INIA	24.01.69
Bram MARBUS	16.04.72
Roy STROEVE	15.05.77

COACH

Dolf ROKS

TWENTE

GOALKEEPERS

1	Sander BOSCHKER	20.10.70
16	Jan Willem VAN EDE	13.04.63
22	Marc VEURINK	26.11.75

DEFENDERS

3	Spira GRUJIC (Yug)	07.12.71
12	Jeroen HEUBACH	24.09.74
19	Edwin HILGERINK	16.01.72
2	Dennis HULSHOFF	20.01.70
4	Andre KARNEBEEK	01.03.71
18	Rahim OUEDRAOGO (BuF)	08.10.80
17	Mitchell PIQUE	20.11.80
20	Erik TEN HAG	02.02.70
5	Jan VERLINDEN (Blg)	08.03.73

MIDFIELDERS

29	Sjors BRUGGE	16.12.80
27	Simon CZIOMMER (Ger)	06.11.80
7	Kurt VAN DE PAAR (Blg)	10.01.78
10	Arjan VAN DER LAAN	10.11.69
6	Tommie VAN DER LEEGTE	27.03.77

FORWARDS

8	Scott BOOTH (Sco)	16.12.71
11	Ellery CAIRO	03.08.78
14	Chris DE WITTE (Blg)	13.01.78
24	Nick HOEKSTRA	12.08.81
15	Boudewijn PAHLPLATZ	15.12.71
9	Jan VENNEGOOR OF HESSELINK	07.11.78

COACH

Fred RUTTEN

UTRECHT

GOALKEEPERS

Atam KOROGLU	06.08.79
Harald WAPENAAR	10.04.70

DEFENDERS

Pascal BOSSCHAART	28.02.80
Azubuike OLISEH (Nig)	18.11.78
Alje SCHUT	18.02.81
Etienne SHEW-ATJON	24.11.79
Dennis VAN DE REE	19.04.79
Mitchell VAN DER GAAG	22.10.73
Stijn VREVEN (Blg)	18.07.73
Patrick ZWAANSWIJK	17.01.75

MIDFIELDERS

Jean-Paul DE JONG	17.10.70
Alfons GROENENDIJK	17.05.74
Reinier ROBBEMOND	31.01.72
Dennis SCHARRENBURG	08.09.78
Stefaan TANGHE (Blg)	15.01.72
Karim TOUZANI	11.09.80
Tom VAN MOL (Blg)	12.10.72
Jordy ZUIDAM	08.07.80

FORWARDS

Ruud BERGER	18.02.80
Rodney CAIRO	15.05.75
Donny DE GROOT	16.08.79
Marinus DIJKHUIZEN	04.01.72
Tibor DOMBI (Hun)	11.11.73
Igor GLUSCEVIC (Yug)	30.03.74
Leon KANTELBERG	15.07.78
Dirk KUIJT	22.07.80
Dave VAN DEN BERGH	07.05.75

COACH

Frans ADELAAR

WORLDSERVICE

VITESSE

GOALKEEPERS

1	Dragoslav JEVRIC (Yug)	08.07.74
22	Bas WIJNEN	19.11.80
18	Edwin ZOETEBIER	07.05.70

DEFENDERS

24	Tim CORNELISSE	03.04.78
8	Michel KREEK	16.01.71
2	Stefan NANU (Rom)	08.09.68
3	Patrick POTHUIZEN	15.05.72
25	Dejan STEFANOVIC (Yug)	28.10.74
4	John VAN DEN BROM	04.10.66
23	Remco VAN DER SCHAAF	28.02.79
7	Marc VAN HINTUM	22.06.67
5	Marian ZEMAN (Slk)	07.07.74

MIDFIELDERS

6	Mahamadou DIARRA (Mli)	18.05.81
19	Theo JANSSEN	27.07.81
11	Louis LAROS	12.03.73
16	Didier MARTEL (Fra)	26.10.71
26	Orlando TRUSTFULL	04.08.70

FORWARDS

27	Kristof AELBRECHT (Blg)	05.02.81
21	Matthew AMOAH (Gha)	24.10.80
17	Carlos FORTES	27.04.74
	Bob PEETERS (Blg)	10.01.74
15	Victor SIKORA	11.04.78
20	Mamadou ZONGO (BuF)	08.10.80

COACH

Ronald KOEMAN

WILLEM II

GOALKEEPERS

	Geert DE VLIEGER (Blg)	16.10.71
	Jim VAN FESSEM	07.08.75

DEFENDERS

	Marco GENTILE	24.08.68
	Reinder HENDRIKS	26.04.73
	Delano HILL	29.04.75
	Kew JALIENS	15.09.78
	Joris MATHIJSEN	05.04.80
	Geoffrey PROMMAYON (Tha)	25.10.71
	Jos VAN NIEUWSTADT	19.11.79
	Guy VELDEMAN (Blg)	14.12.78
	Raymond VICTORIA	10.10.72
	Nuelson WAU	17.12.80

MIDFIELDERS

	Arno ARTS	26.06.69
	Tom CALUWE (Blg)	07.04.75
	Denny LANDZAAT	06.05.76
	Youssef MARIANA (Mor)	13.05.74
	Tarik SEKTIOUI (Mor)	13.05.77
	Marcel VALK	18.04.67

FORWARDS

	Yassine ABDELLAOUI (Mor)	21.06.75
	Mariano BOMBARDA (Arg)	10.09.72
	Jatto CEESAY (Gam)	16.11.74
	Ousmane SANOU (BuF)	11.03.78
	Dennis SCHULP	18.01.78
	Dmitri SHOUKOV (Rus)	26.09.75
	Richard VAN DER HEIJDEN	14.01.80

COACH

Hans WESTERHOF

ITALY

ATALANTA

GOALKEEPERS

1	Alberto FONTANA	23.01.67
32	Matteo GRITTI	11.06.80
22	Ivan PELIZZOLI	18.11.80
12	Davide PINATO	15.03.64

DEFENDERS

30	Gianpaolo BELLINI	27.03.80
20	Massimo CARRERA	22.04.64
29	Massimo DONATI	26.03.81
15	Stefano LORENZI	18.01.77
23	Cesare NATALI	05.04.79
4	Massimo PAGANIN	19.07.70
2	Fabio RUSTICO	20.05.76
24	Sebastiano SIVIGLIA	29.03.73
26	Cristian ZENONI	23.04.77
3	Danilo ZINI	01.06.78

MIDFIELDERS

27	Cristiano DONI	01.04.73
5	Ljubisa DUNDJERSKI (Yug)	26.05.72
18	Vinicio ESPINAL	14.11.82
6	Fabio GALLO	11.09.70
21	Alex PINARDI	05.09.80
28	Alessandro PONTAROLLO	05.04.80
8	Luciano ZAURI	20.01.78
19	Damiano ZENONI	23.04.77

FORWARDS

33	Giacomo BANCHELLI	14.06.73
16	Jose ESPINAL	14.11.82
11	Maurizio GANZ	13.10.68
25	Joao Batista INACIO (Bra)	22.03.82
7	Marco NAPPI	13.05.66
9	Fausto ROSSINI	02.03.78
10	Nicola VENTOLA	24.05.78

COACH

Giovanni VAVASSORI

BARI

GOALKEEPERS

31	Jean-Francois GILLET (Blg)	05.05.78
12	Antonio NARCISO	01.10.80
33	Generoso ROSSI	03.01.79

DEFENDERS

30	Oscar AYALA (Par)	14.03.80
4	Gaetano DE ROSA	10.05.73
3	Alessandro DEL GROSSO	27.08.72
29	Nicola FUMAI	04.05.81
2	Luigi GARZJA	07.07.69
13	Duccio INNOCENTI	20.09.75
5	Michael MADSEN (Den)	24.01.74
	Vincenzo MIGLIACCIO	13.03.80
28	Rachid NEQROUZ (Mor)	10.04.72
31	Rocco Roberto PARIS	24.03.79
32	Hany SAID (Sau)	22.04.80
6	Lorenzo SIBILANO	10.07.78

MIDFIELDERS

8	Daniel ANDERSSON (Swe)	28.08.77
15	Antonio BELLAVISTA	19.11.77
21	Gabriele DAVANZANTE	30.08.81
19	Rodolfo GIORGETTI	19.08.71
16	Antonio LAFORTEZZA	01.04.82
10	Michele MARCOLINI	02.10.75
22	Diego Fernando MARKIC (Arg)	09.01.77
34	Giuseppe MAZZARELLI (Swi)	14.08.72
17	Simone PERROTTA	17.09.77
20	Jaime VALDES (Chl)	11.01.81

FORWARDS

27	Luigi ANACLERIO	25.03.81
7	Carlo CARDASCIO	06.11.79
18	Antonio CASSANO	12.07.82
25	Mattia COLLAUTO	10.11.73
14	Pascual DE GREGORIO (Chl)	05.03.72
26	Ugo Michael ENYINNAYA (Nig)	08.05.81
23	Jaime GONZALEZ (Chl)	15.04.77
11	Philemon MASINGA (Saf)	28.06.69
9	Yksel OSMANOVSKI (Swe)	24.02.77
24	Gionatha SPINESI	09.03.78

COACH

Eugenio FASCETTI

BOLOGNA

GOALKEEPERS

22	Andrea FERRARI	15.06.77
1	Gianluca PAGLIUCA	18.12.66
12	Marco ROCCATI	01.07.75

DEFENDERS

2	Giovanni BIA	24.10.68
6	Emanuele BRIOSCHI	23.06.75
5	Marcello CASTELLINI	02.01.73
19	Giulio FALCONE	31.05.74
27	Niccolo GALLI	22.05.83
16	Alessandro GAMBERINI	27.08.81
28	Pasquale PADALINO	26.07.72
23	Massimo TARANTINO	20.05.71
26	Paolo TRICOLI	13.04.83
3	Pierre Nlend WOME (Cam)	26.03.79

MIDFIELDERS

21	Jonatan BINOTTO	22.01.75
11	Roberto GORETTI	28.05.76
8	Francisco LIMA (Bra)	17.04.71
20	Tomas LOCATELLI	09.06.76
15	Enzo MARESCA	10.02.80
7	Carlo NERVO	29.10.71
14	Renato OLIVE	06.04.71
4	Giovanni PIACENTINI	09.04.68

FORWARDS

18	Giacomo CIPRIANI	28.10.80
13	Julio Ricardo CRUZ (Arg)	10.10.74
24	Fausto FERRARI	09.03.80
9	Igor KOLYVANOV (Rus)	06.03.68
25	Luis OLIVEIRA (Blg)	24.03.69
10	Giuseppe SIGNORI	17.02.68

COACH

Francesco GUIDOLIN

BRESCIA

GOALKEEPERS

22	Federico AGLIARDI	11.02.83
30	Gilbert BODART (Blg)	02.09.62
12	Luca CASTELLAZZI	19.07.75
1	Pavel SRNICEK (Cze)	10.03.68

DEFENDERS

13	Daniele BONERA	31.05.81
6	Alessandro CALORI	29.08.66
2	Aimo DIANA	02.01.78
21	Filippo GALLI	19.05.63
3	Marek KOZMINSKI (Pol)	07.02.71
5	Vittorio MERO	21.05.74
4	Fabio PETRUZZI	24.10.70

MIDFIELDERS

8	Pierpaolo BISOLI	20.11.66
15	Alejandro CORREA (Uru)	26.10.79
31	Massimiliano ESPOSITO	27.05.72
18	Antonio FILIPPINI	03.07.73
17	Emanuele FILIPPINI	03.07.73
	Roberto GUANA	21.01.81
23	Ivan JAVORCIC (Cro)	24.01.79
7	Pierluigi ORLANDINI	09.10.72
14	Andres YLLANA (Arg)	30.07.74

FORWARDS

10	Roberto BAGGIO	18.02.67
25	Simone DEL NERO	04.08.81
16	Raul GONZALEZ (Chl)	09.06.76
11	Dario HUBNER	28.04.67
20	Francesco MARINO	26.12.70
9	Kubilay TURKYILMAZ (Swi)	04.03.67

COACH

Carlo MAZZONE

FIORENTINA

GOALKEEPERS

12	Gian Matteo MAREGGINI	08.01.67
22	Mattia PASSARINI	29.07.80
33	Giuseppe TAGLIALATELA	02.01.69
1	Francesco TOLDO	02.12.71

DEFENDERS

4	Daniele ADANI	10.07.74
36	Giacomo BONORA	11.02.80
6	Aldo FIRICANO	12.03.67
5	Saliou LASSISSI (IvC)	15.08.78
22	Marco MUGNAINI	11.03.81
23	Alessandro PIERINI	22.03.73
2	Tomas REPKA (Cze)	02.01.74
27	Andrea TAROZZI	17.10.73
3	Moreno TORRICELLI	23.01.70
14	Paolo VANOLI	12.08.72

MIDFIELDERS

15	Alexandre da Silva Mariano, AMARAL (Bra)	28.02.72
24	Christian AMOROSO	22.09.76
30	Mauro BRESSAN	05.01.71
18	Sandro COIS	09.06.72
7	Angelo DI LIVIO	26.07.66
19	Marco ROSSI	01.04.78
11	Fabio ROSSITTO	21.09.71
10	Manuel RUI COSTA (Por)	29.03.72

FORWARDS

20	Enrico CHIESA	29.12.70
9	LEANDRO Camara do Amaral (Bra)	06.08.77
8	Predrag MIJATOVIC (Yug)	19.01.69
16	Domenico MORFEO	16.01.76
21	NUNO Miguel Soares P. GOMES (Por)	05.07.76
31	Ricardo TADDEI	05.09.80
37	Georgios VAKOUFTSIS (Gre)	30.01.80

COACH

FATIH Terim (Tur)

INTERNAZIONALE

GOALKEEPERS

22	Marco BALLOTTA	03.04.64
1	Sebastien FREY (Fra)	18.03.80
12	Marco VARALDI	21.07.81

DEFENDERS

5	Laurent BLANC (Fra)	19.11.65
30	Bruno CIRILLO	21.03.77
2	Ivan CORDOBA (Col)	11.08.76
21	Matteo FERRARI	05.12.79
16	Riccardo FISSORE	18.02.80
99	Stefano LOMBARDI	28.07.76
3	Fabio MACELLARI	23.08.74
24	Sixto PERALTA (Arg)	16.04.79
6	Michele SERENA	10.03.70
13	Dario SIMIC (Cro)	12.11.75

MIDFIELDERS

	Julien BRELLIER (Fra)	
23	Cristian BROCCHI	30.01.76
15	Benoit CAUET (Fra)	02.05.69
14	Luigi DI BIAGIO	03.06.71
31	Francisco Javier FARINOS (Spa)	29.03.78
8	Vladimir JUGOVIC (Yug)	30.08.69
11	Andrea PIRLO	19.05.79
10	Clarence SEEDORF (Hol)	01.04.76
25	Marcos Andre Batista dos Santos, VAMPETA (Bra)	13.03.74
4	Javier ZANETTI (Arg)	10.08.73

FORWARDS

26	Stephane BIAKOLO (Fra)	08.03.82
54	HAKAN Sukur (Tur)	01.09.71
7	Robbie KEANE (Ire)	08.07.80
20	Alvaro RECOBA (Uru)	17.03.76
19	Anselmo ROBBIATI	01.01.70
9	RONALDO Luiz Nazario da Lima (Bra)	22.09.76
32	Christian VIERI	12.07.73
18	Ivan ZAMORANO (Chl)	18.01.67

COACH

Marco TARDELLI

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EURO SQUADS 2000-01

JUVENTUS

GOALKEEPERS

22	Andreas ISAKSSON (Swe)	03.10.81
12	Michelangelo RAMPULLA	10.08.62
1	Edwin VAN DER SAR (Hol)	29.10.70

DEFENDERS

15	Alessandro BIRINDELLI	12.11.74
2	Ciro FERRARA	11.02.67
13	Mark IULIANO	12.08.73
4	Paolo MONTERO (Uru)	03.09.71
3	Michele PARAMATTI	10.03.68
7	Gianluca PESSOTTO	11.08.70
30	Francesco SCARDINA	11.12.81
5	Igor TUDOR (Cro)	16.04.78
16	Marco ZANCHI	15.04.77

MIDFIELDERS

14	Jonathan BACHINI	05.06.75
25	Matteo BRIGHI	14.02.81
8	Antonio CONTE	31.07.69
26	Edgar DAVIDS (Hol)	13.03.73
31	Andrea GASBARRONI	06.08.81
6	Fabian O'NEILL (Uru)	14.10.73
27	Marco RIGONI	05.01.80
20	Alessio TACCHINARDI	23.07.75
23	Gianluca ZAMBROTTA	19.02.77
21	Zinedine ZIDANE (Fra)	23.06.72

FORWARDS

10	Alessandro DEL PIERO	09.11.74
19	Juan Eduardo ESNAIDER (Arg)	05.03.73
11	Daniel FONSECA (Uru)	13.09.69
9	Filippo INZAGHI	09.08.73
18	Darko KOVACEVIC (Yug)	18.11.73
33	Vincent PERICARD (Fra)	03.10.82
17	David TREZEGUET (Fra)	15.10.77
28	Massimiliano VIERI	01.09.78

COACH

Carlo ANCELOTTI

LAZIO

GOALKEEPERS

1	Luca MARCHEGIANI	22.02.66
22	Paolo ORLANDONI	12.08.72
70	Angelo PERUZZI	16.02.70
12	Francesco SCOTTI	08.01.83

DEFENDERS

33	Francesco COLONNESE	10.08.71
30	Emiliano CONTI	03.01.81
26	Maurizio DOMIZZI	22.10.80
19	Giuseppe FAVALLI	08.01.72
24	Manuel FERNANDO COUTO (Por)	02.08.69
11	Sinisa MIHAJLOVIC (Yug)	20.02.69
2	Paolo NEGRO	16.04.72
13	Alessandro NESTA	19.03.76
15	Giuseppe PANCARO	26.08.71
16	Emanuele PESARESI	01.12.76
3	Giorgio SANTARELLI	05.06.81
6	Nestor SENSINI (Arg)	12.10.66
27	Pietro VARRIALE	14.08.81

MIDFIELDERS

8	Roberto BARONIO	11.12.77
17	Guerino GOTTARDI	18.12.70
25	Attilio LOMBARDO	06.01.66
28	Andrea LUCIANI	20.10.81
18	Pavel NEDVED (Cze)	30.08.72
14	Diego SIMEONE (Arg)	28.04.70
20	Dejan STANKOVIC (Yug)	11.09.78
23	Juan Sebastian VERON (Arg)	09.03.75

FORWARDS

34	Emanuele BERRETTONI	17.05.81
7	CLAUDIO Javier LOPEZ (Arg)	17.07.74
10	Hernan CRESPO (Arg)	05.07.75
21	Simone INZAGHI	05.04.76
32	Fabrizio RAVANELLI	11.12.68
29	Daniele RUGGIU	15.03.81
9	Marcelo SALAS (Chl)	24.12.74

COACH

Sven Goran ERIKSSON (Swe)

LECCE

GOALKEEPERS

1	Antonio CHIMENTI	30.06.70
22	Stephan COQUE (Fra)	08.10.82
31	Massimo LOTTI	07.03.69
12	Emanuele MANITTA	12.01.77

DEFENDERS

30	David BALLERI	28.03.69
3	Gianluca COLONNELLO	08.02.73
18	Dario DAINELLI	09.06.79
29	Giovanni DE TOMA	29.10.80
2	JUAREZ de Souza Texeira (Bra)	25.09.73
6	Alberto MALUSCI	23.06.72
27	Matteo PIVOTTO	05.09.74
5	Alberto SAVINO	01.09.73
24	Max TONETTO	18.11.74
23	William VIALI	16.11.74

MIDFIELDERS

10	Maurizio BEDIN	09.02.79
16	Claudio BONOMI	28.12.72
35	Jorge CASANOVA	26.07.76
8	Alessandro CONTICCHIO	19.01.74
21	Ferdinando DE MARTINO	03.02.83
34	Alessandro DOGA	15.10.75
33	Mark EDUSEI (Gha)	29.09.76
15	Diego MATEO (Arg)	07.08.78
28	Davide OLIVARES	21.06.71
4	Luigi PIANGERELLI	19.10.73
25	Marco TESTA	17.06.83
14	Mirko VUCINIC (Yug)	01.11.83
19	Alessandro ZINNARI	25.02.82

FORWARDS

17	Haouillas Axel Cedric KONAN (IvC)	25.01.83
20	Antonio LEO	11.03.80
9	Cristiano LUCARELLI	04.10.75
11	Aldo OSORIO (Arg)	12.06.74
13	Alessandro PELLICORI	22.07.81
7	Davor VUGRINEC (Cro)	24.03.75

COACH

Alberto CAVASIN

MILAN

GOALKEEPERS

12	Christian ABBIATI	08.07.77
32	Nelson de Jesus e Silva, DIDA (Bra)	07.10.73
22	Valerio FIORI	27.04.69
1	Sebastiano ROSSI	20.07.64

DEFENDERS

79	Samir BELOUFA (Fra)	29.09.79
19	Jose CHAMOT (Arg)	17.05.69
77	Francesco COCO	08.01.77
28	Fabricio COLOCCINI (Arg)	22.01.82
5	Alessandro COSTACURTA	24.04.66
	JULIO CESAR Santos Correa (Bra)	17.08.78
3	Paolo MALDINI	26.06.68
25	Jose Vitor ROQUE JUNIOR (Bra)	31.08.76
26	Luigi SALA	21.02.74
27	Sergio Claudio SERGINHO (Bra)	27.06.71

MIDFIELDERS

4	Demetrio ALBERTINI	23.08.71
23	Massimo AMBROSINI	29.05.77
10	Zvonimir BOBAN (Cro)	08.10.68
17	Drazen BRNCIC (Cro)	17.07.71
8	Gennaro GATTUSO	09.01.78
21	Federico GIUNTI	06.08.71
24	Andres GUGLIELMINPIETRO (Arg)	14.04.74
2	Thomas HELVEG (Den)	24.06.71
18	LEONARDO Nascimento de Araujo (Bra)	05.09.69
16	Fernando REDONDO (Arg)	06.07.69

FORWARDS

20	Oliver BIERHOFF (Ger)	01.05.68
9	Gianni COMANDINI	18.05.77
11	JOSE MARI Romero (Spa)	10.12.78
41	Luca SAUDATI	18.01.78
7	Andrii SHEVCHENKO (Ukr)	29.09.76

COACH

Alberto ZACCHERONI

NAPOLI

GOALKEEPERS

1	Ferdinando COPPOLA	10.06.78
32	Francesco MANCINI	10.10.68
16	Luca MONDINI	25.02.70
31	Valerio VISCONTI	20.08.80

DEFENDERS

28	Rabiu AFOLABI (Nig)	18.04.80
	Dario BACCIN	27.08.76
15	Francesco BALDINI	14.03.74
19	Ciro CARUSO	14.08.73
6	Salvatore FRESI	16.01.73
26	Luigi MALAFRONTE	02.12.78
33	Steinar NILSEN (Nor)	01.05.72
	Marco PEDOTTI	20.04.77
30	Mauricio PINEDA (Arg)	13.07.75
3	Facundo QUIROGA (Arg)	10.01.78
14	Massimo RUSSO	01.02.81
2	Abdelilah SABER (Mor)	21.04.74
21	Emanuele TROISE	10.02.79
29	Thomas URSO	31.12.81

MIDFIELDERS

30	Bruno DI NAPOLI	08.05.80
25	Giorgio DI VICINO	16.07.80
13	Marek JANKULOVSKI (Cze)	09.05.77
5	Oscar MAGONI	22.09.67
20	Francelino Da Silva MATUZALEM (Bra)	10.06.80
7	Francesco MORIERO	31.03.69
17	Pinheiro Anderson PAQUITO (Bra)	13.12.81
18	Fabio PECCHIA	24.08.73
	Giacomo TEDESCO	01.02.76
8	Jose Luis VIDIGAL da Cruz (Por)	15.03.73

FORWARDS

9	Nicola AMORUSO	29.08.74
11	Claudio BELLUCCI	31.05.75
24	Antonio FLORO FLORES	18.06.83
	Vassonogo KAMARA (IvC)	10.08.81
27	David SESA (Swi)	10.07.73
23	Roberto STELLONE	22.07.77
22	Damir STOJAK (Yug)	18.05.75

COACH

Zdenek ZEMAN (Cze)

PARMA

GOALKEEPERS

77	Gianluigi BUFFON	28.01.78
99	Matteo GUARDALBEN	05.06.74
1	Davide MICILLO	17.04.71

DEFENDERS

3	Antonio BENARRIVO	21.08.68
17	Fabio CANNAVARO	13.09.73
28	Paolo CANNAVARO	26.06.81
33	Gianluca FALSINI	02.10.75
16	Angelo de Sousa JUNIOR Jenilson (Bra)	20.06.73
2	Luigi SARTOR	30.01.75
21	Lilian THURAM (Fra)	01.01.72
5	Stefano TORRISI	07.05.71

MIDFIELDERS

25	Matias ALMEYDA (Arg)	21.12.73
4	Stephan APPIAH (Gha)	24.12.80
6	Dino BAGGIO	24.07.71
14	Alain BOGHOSSIAN (Fra)	27.10.70
29	Jorge BOLANO (Col)	28.04.77
7	Diego FUSER	11.11.68
8	Sabri LAMOUCHI (Fra)	09.11.71
18	Johan MICOUD (Fra)	24.07.73
11	SERGIO Merceneiro da CONCEICAO (Por)	15.11.74
23	Pietro STRADA	11.12.69

FORWARDS

10	Marcio AMOROSO (Bra)	05.07.74
20	Marco DI VAIO	15.07.76
70	Patrick MBOMA (Cam)	15.11.70
9	Savo MILOSEVIC (Yug)	02.09.73
26	Jhonnier MONTANO (Col)	14.01.83

COACH

Alberto MALESANI

PERUGIA

GOALKEEPERS

24	Alex CASTORANI	09.11.81
35	Andrea MAZZANTINI	11.07.68
12	Giovanni PROIETTI	27.06.77
1	Michele TARDIOLI	07.11.70

DEFENDERS

22	Marco DI LORETO	28.09.74
2	Paulino Neves HILARIO (Por)	15.05.74
18	Luca ISOLINI	26.08.80
23	Marco MATERAZZI	19.08.73
	Gabriele MAZZOCCHI	10.01.80
3	Mauro MILANESE	17.09.71
16	Salvatore MONACO	28.12.72
26	Mirko PIERI	24.07.78
5	Claudio RIVALTA	30.06.78
6	Sean SOGLIANO	28.02.71
13	Jose Marcelo Ferreira, ZE MARIA (Bra)	25.07.73

MIDFIELDERS

8	AHN Jung-hwan (SKo)	27.01.76
17	Davide BAIOCCO	08.05.75
7	Manuele BLASI	17.08.80
11	Pablo Horacio GUINAZU (Arg)	26.08.78
20	Fabio LIVERANI	29.04.76
9	MA Ming Yu (Chn)	04.02.70
25	Gianluca PETRACHI	14.01.69
4	Giovanni TEDESCO	13.05.72
21	Robson TOLEDO (Bra)	18.07.81

FORWARDS

29	Christian BUCCHI	30.05.77
	Garcia Daniel, DANI (Spa)	27.01.79
32	Michele SERGI	21.01.77
10	Hector TAPIA (Chl)	30.09.77
14	Emiliano TESTINI	09.01.77
15	Zissis VRYZAS (Gre)	09.11.73
30	Riccardo ZAMPAGNA	15.11.74

COACH

Serse COSMI

REGGINA

GOALKEEPERS

22	Emanuele BELARDI	09.10.77
30	Antonio CASTELLI	09.11.80
24	Paolo ORLANDONI	12.08.72
1	Massimo TAIBI	18.02.70

DEFENDERS

4	Marco CANEIRA (Por)	09.02.79
15	Ivan FRANCESCHINI	07.12.76
6	Giovanni MORABITO	28.08.78
19	Joseph Dayo OSHADOGAN	27.06.76
14	Wladimiro SBAGLIA	01.01.79
21	Lorenzo STOVINI	24.11.76
13	Jorge VARGAS (Chl)	08.02.76
16	Alessandro ZOPPETTI	28.03.79

MIDFIELDERS

23	Andrea BERNINI	10.06.73
20	Ezio BREVI	20.01.70
2	Mauro BRIANO	08.03.75
10	Francesco COZZA	19.01.74
17	Paulo Sergio DA COSTA (Por)	05.12.79
8	Jose Aleixo MAMEDE (Por)	24.02.74
3	Alberto NOCERINO	20.12.75
18	Salvatore VICARI	31.01.81
5	Andrea ZANCHETTA	02.02.75

FORWARDS

9	Erion BOGDANI (Alb)	14.04.77
11	Massimo MARAZZINA	16.07.74
25	Davide POSSANZINI	09.02.76
7	Gustavo Enrique REGGI (Arg)	28.05.73

COACH

Franco COLOMBA

WORLDSERVICE

ROMA

GOALKEEPERS

12	Marco AMELIA	02.04.82
1	Francesco ANTONIOLI	14.09.69
33	Giuseppe DI MASI	16.07.81
22	Cristiano LUPATELLI	21.06.78
27	Alessandro ZAMPERINI	15.08.82

DEFENDERS

6	ALDAIR Nascimento dos Santos (Bra)	30.11.65
3	ANTONIO CARLOS Zago (Bra)	18.05.69
2	Marcos Evangelista CAFU (Bra)	07.06.70
32	Vincent CANDELA (Fra)	24.10.73
14	Sergei GURENKO (Bls)	30.09.72
13	Maurizio LANZARO	14.03.82
28	Amadeo MANGONE	12.07.68
23	Alessandro RINALDI	23.11.74
19	Walter SAMUEL (Arg)	23.03.78
15	Jonathan ZEBINA (Fra)	19.07.78

MIDFIELDERS

7	Eusebio DI FRANCESCO	08.09.69
26	EDNILSON Pedro Rocha Andrade Mendes (GuB)	25.09.82
11	EMERSON Ferreira da Rosa (Bra)	04.04.76
25	Gianni GUIGOU (Uru)	22.02.75
5	MARCOS dos Santos ASSUNCAO (Bra)	25.07.76
8	Hidetoshi NAKATA (Jap)	22.01.77
17	Damiano TOMMASI	17.05.74
4	Cristiano ZANETTI	14.04.77

FORWARDS

21	Abel BALBO (Arg)	01.06.66
18	Gabriel BATISTUTA (Arg)	01.02.69
16	Gaetano D'AGOSTINO	03.06.82
24	Marco DELVECCHIO	07.04.73
9	Vincenzo MONTELLA	18.06.74
20	Paolo POGGI	16.02.71
10	Francesco TOTTI	27.09.76

COACH

Fabio CAPELLO

UDINESE

GOALKEEPERS

22	Morgan DE SANCTIS	26.03.77
12	Olivier RENARD (Blg)	24.05.79
1	Luigi TURCI	27.01.70

DEFENDERS

21	Valentim do Carmo ALBERTO (Bra)	22.03.75
4	Valerio BERTOTTO	15.01.73
30	Christian Lionel DIAZ (Arg)	12.05.76
6	Mohammed GARGO (Gha)	19.06.75
2	Regis GENAUX (Blg)	31.08.73
27	Thomas MANFREDINI	27.05.80
3	Vittorio MICOLUCCI	14.08.83
5	Andrea SOTTIL	04.01.74
20	Marco ZAMBONI	07.12.77

MIDFIELDERS

23	Morten BISGAARD (Den)	25.06.74
10	Stefano FIORE	17.04.75
16	Giuliano GIANNICHEDDA	21.09.74
13	Luis HELGUERA (Spa)	09.06.76
19	Martin JORGENSEN (Den)	06.10.75
26	Simone MAZZEI	26.05.81
14	Giampiero PINZI	11.03.81
24	David PIZARRO (Chl)	10.09.79
8	Hendrik Jan VAN DER VEGT (Hol)	18.02.72
7	Johan WALEM (Blg)	01.02.72

FORWARDS

18	Mauro ESPOSITO	13.06.79
28	Julio Ricardo GUTIERREZ (Chl)	14.09.79
15	Vincenzo IAQUINTA	21.11.79
29	Massimo MARGIOTTA	27.07.77
11	Roberto MUZZI	21.09.71
9	Roberto SOSA (Arg)	24.01.75

COACH

Luigi DE CANIO

VERONA

GOALKEEPERS

22	Domenico DOARDO	03.07.74
1	Fabrizio FERRON	05.09.65
12	Gianluca PEGOLO	25.03.81
13	Davide ZOMER	21.10.77

DEFENDERS

3	Giuseppe ANASTASI	24.09.74
26	Luigi APOLLONI	02.05.67
6	Mario CVITANOVIC (Cro)	06.05.75
34	Giancarlo FILIPPINI	27.12.68
5	Natale GONNELLA	19.01.76
23	Martin LAURSEN (Den)	26.02.77
2	Massimo ODDO	14.06.76
20	Anthony SERIC (Cro)	15.01.79

MIDFIELDERS

16	Mauro CAMORANESI (Arg)	04.10.76
17	Marco CASSETTI	29.05.77
8	Giuseppe COLUCCI	24.08.80
21	Leonardo COLUCCI	29.11.72
7	Claudio FERRARESE	07.09.78
4	Marco FRANCESCHETTI	19.01.67
15	Vincenzo ITALIANO	10.12.77
18	Alessandro MAZZOLA	15.06.69
27	Martino MELIS	24.11.73
40	Marco PIOVANELLI	07.04.74
19	Emiliano SALVETTI	01.01.74

FORWARDS

14	Elvis ABBRUSCATO	14.04.81
11	ADAILTON Martins Bolzan (Bra)	24.01.77
28	Emiliano BONAZZOLI	20.01.79
24	Michele COSSATO	28.04.70
25	Andrea COSSU	03.05.80
30	Alberto GILARDINO	05.07.82
10	Adrian MUTU (Rom)	08.01.79
9	Alessandro SGRIGNA	24.04.80

COACH

Attilio PEROTTI

VICENZA

GOALKEEPERS

33	Enrico MILAN	07.06.82
22	Saul SANTARELLI	01.01.74
1	Giorgio STERCHELE	08.01.70

DEFENDERS

14	Cristian ADAMI	20.12.76
11	Massimo BEGHETTO	19.11.68
6	Giuseppe CARDONE	03.03.74
13	Gianluca COMOTTO	16.10.78
3	Alessandro DAL CANTO	10.03.75
40	Andre Augusto Leoni DEDE (Bra)	12.02.79
5	Giacomo DICARA	27.04.70
23	Stefano FATTORI	26.02.72
35	Christian MAGGIO	11.02.82
18	Cunha dos Santos MARCO AURELIO (Bra)	18.02.67
27	Davide MEZZANOTTI	28.02.71
20	Stjepan TOMAS (Cro)	06.03.76
44	VASCO Manuel Teixeira FAISCA (Por)	27.08.80
29	Walter Adrian ZUNINO (Arg)	13.01.81

MIDFIELDERS

8	Antonino BERNARDINI	21.06.74
25	Federico CROVARI	20.04.75
4	Fabio FIRMANI	26.05.78
15	Raffaele LONGO	06.09.77
19	Ottavio PALLADINI	29.12.71
16	Maurizio ROSSI	16.02.70
10	Fabio VIVIANI	29.09.66
21	Lamberto ZAULI	19.07.71

FORWARDS

17	Neves Capucho Jedous, JEDA (Bra)	15.04.79
2	Mohammed KALLON (SLe)	06.10.79
32	Pasquale LUISO	30.11.69
31	Goran TOMIC (Cro)	18.03.77
30	Luca TONI	26.05.77

COACH

Edoardo REJA

PORTUGAL

ALVERCA

GOALKEEPERS

1	BRUNO Miguel da Silva FERNANDES	09.06.80
12	ERNESTO Soares	05.10.79
24	PAULO Jorge da Silva dos SANTOS	11.12.72

DEFENDERS

19	Rui Manuel Ranhola CAPUCHO	11.03.73
5	Andre G. Gomes CORREIA da Costa	09.02.79
4	HUGO Alexandre Esteves COSTA	04.11.73
25	NELSON Dias MORAIS	24.03.74
20	PEDRO Paulo Pinheiro NEVES	06.10.81
26	RICARDO CARVALHO	18.05.78
22	RICARDO F. dos Santos ESTEVES	16.09.79
30	Antonio TITO Nunes Ribeiro	17.05.72
23	Nelson Alexandre da Silva VERISSIMO	17.04.77

MIDFIELDERS

16	ANDERSON Roberto da Silva Luiz (Bra)	01.02.78
29	ANDRE	14.05.78
3	BERNARDO Mario Faustino Cariata (Ang)	11.11.77
2	DIOGO	15.11.75
14	Jose GABRIEL Lopes Cardoso	14.06.78
18	HUGO Filipe Ferreira dos SANTOS	27.01.78
13	JOSE ANTONIO dos Santos Silva	14.03.77
6	MARCO Luis Verissimo de FREITAS	29.08.72
10	Nikola MILINKOVIC (Yug)	19.03.68
27	PEDRO R. da Moia Vieira MARTINS	17.07.70
7	Ricardo Manuel Santos Lopes RAMIRES	22.03.76
8	RUI Miguel Marques BAIAO	04.09.80
21	RUI Fernando do Nascimento BORGES	14.12.73

FORWARDS

33	CAJU (Bra)	10.08.76
11	Francisco Q. Conde Junior, CHIQUINHO CONDE (Moz)	22.11.65
28	Ivo Filipe Cerqueira DAMAS	03.06.77
9	MANTORRAS (Ang)	18.03.82
17	Juan Francisco VIVEROS Opazo (Chl)	11.08.80

COACH

Jesualdo FERREIRA

AVES

GOALKEEPERS

24	ADAMO Ramos Martins de Sousa (Fra)	27.05.71
12	PAULO JORGE Ferreira Carvalho	07.06.77
1	Antonio Luis Pinto Rama, TO LUIS	29.11.67

DEFENDERS

4	Nuno Miguel Figueiredo AFONSO	06.10.74
2	Michel Pensee BILONG (Cam)	16.06.73
15	JOSE Feliciano Loureiro SOARES	23.02.76
44	MARCO Antonio de Sousa ALEIXO	16.09.75
3	Jose Manuel O. F. Silva, NENE	23.10.76
13	Joaquim N. da Costa, QUI COSTA	12.03.69
5	Jose Rafael Rios Soares VIEIRA	04.04.70
19	Jorge Manuel Ferreira VINAGRE	19.02.75

MIDFIELDERS

7	ABILIO Antonio Gomes Novais	24.06.67
16	BRAIMA Injai (Gui)	06.10.75
23	Joao P. Santiago A., CAMBERRA (Ang)	02.04.71
18	JORGE Miguel Cordeiro DUARTE	18.12.74
8	JOSE ANTONIO Novo P. da Silva	29.09.75
25	NILTON Rogerio Cardoso Fernandes (CVI)	07.03.79
6	PAULO Miguel Campos de SOUSA	17.09.80

FORWARDS

14	Rudolph M'Bela DOUALA (Cam)	25.09.78
10	Jorge V. dos S. Novo, JORGINHO	01.11.70
21	Massaudu NADDAH (Gha)	20.05.76
11	Helder Antonio Freitas NOVERCA	18.12.70
26	OCTAVIO A. C. Maia Gomes Moreira	19.05.72
9	QUINZINHO (Ang)	04.03.74
31	RICARDO Jose Monteiro Ferreira	12.03.82
27	RUI Manuel Pinto de LIMA	25.03.78

COACH

Manuel Gomes, NECA

BEIRA MAR

GOALKEEPERS

12	Nuno Miguel Mesquita AVELINO	05.02.76
24	Armindo Jose Canosa ELISIO	05.01.67
1	Jerome PALATSI (Fra)	10.12.69

DEFENDERS

5	CRISTIANO Rocha Canedo Roland (Bra)	04.10.76
3	Cesar FILIPE Santos e Sousa	27.02.74
2	JORGE Alexandre Leal das NEVES	21.12.69
4	Fabricio Alm. Carvalho, LOBAO (Bra)	21.06.72
14	Pedro Alexandre Santos MARQUES	22.02.75
21	Miguel Alexandre AREIAS	02.06.77
22	Nuno Carlos Silva ROLO	13.01.76
23	VITOR Manuel dos Santos SILVA	15.10.68

MIDFIELDERS

11	Rui Filipe DOLORES Azevedo	02.05.78
6	FERNANDO Joao Lobo AGUIAR	10.03.72
15	Joao Carlos P. Filipe, FUSCO	15.12.72
13	HUGO Manuel Gomes S. e Santos	23.12.72
8	JOAO PAULO Araujo Monteiro	18.04.72
7	LUIS MANUEL Rodrigues Viana	06.11.70
10	OSCAR da Silva Morais	23.03.76
28	RICARDO da Pinho SOUSA	11.01.79
16	RODOLFO Luis Costa Miguens Correia	06.11.76
18	RUI MANUEL Correia Rodrigues	28.07.76

FORWARDS

17	Carlos M. S. Pereira, CARLITOS	11.12.79
26	CILIO Andre Sousa (Bra) DITINHO (Bra)	15.04.76
9	Faye FARY (Sen)	24.12.74
19	Jorge Manuel M. Nunes GAMBOA Luis KALIL (Bra)	19.04.73
20	MARCELO PASSOS de Oliveira (Bra)	21.01.71
25	Pedro Julio Marques RIBEIRO	08.02.79

COACH

Antonio SOUSA

BELENENSES

GOALKEEPERS

12	Marco Antonio Pinto da Silva BOTELHO	25.02.76
24	LUIS Miguel Cardoso FERREIRA	06.10.72
1	MARCO AURELIO Siqueira (Bra)	04.06.70

DEFENDERS

2	BRUNO FERNANDES	
4	Paulo Sergio Martinho CABRAL (Ang)	24.06.72
22	Luis Carlos FILGUEIRA (Bra)	10.01.67
3	GERSON (CVI)	17.03.75
28	CLEBER	
5	PEDRO Ricardo Quintela HENRIQUES	16.10.74
6	WILSON Constantino Novo Estrela (Ang)	13.03.69

MIDFIELDERS

16	BETO (Bra)	
15	CARLOS MANUEL DJAO	28.08.79
29	FABIO do Valle Cosme (Bra)	24.12.77
23	FRANKLIM Luis Manuel (Ang)	19.12.78
25	Jose Carlos Fernandes Vidigal, LITO (Ang)	11.07.69
19	Joao Alexandre Duarte Fernandes, NECA	31.12.79
27	NETO	
14	PAULO DIAS	10.02.78
20	RUI Pedro Viegas Silva Gomes DUARTE	16.09.78
8	Joao Carlos N. Araujo Goncalves, TUCK	31.10.69
13	Meirival Bezerra, VERONA (Bra)	10.03.74

FORWARDS

17	Arlindo Gomes Semedo, CAFU	17.11.77
10	ELIEL (Bra)	16.01.69
30	Jose Augusto Santana Santos, GUGA (Bra)	14.03.76
7	JOAO PAULO Candeias BRITO	05.06.74
18	LUIS Filipe Monteiro NUNES	28.10.77
11	Marcos Fernando Nangi, MARCAO (Bra)	16.03.67
9	Jesus SEBA Hernandez (Spa)	11.03.74

COACH

Marinho PERES

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BENFICA

GOALKEEPERS

12	Carlos BOSSIO (Arg)	01.12.73
1	Robert ENKE (Ger)	24.08.77
24	Jose Filipe da Silva MOREIRA	20.03.82

DEFENDERS

8	Sebastian Cruzado Fernandez, CHANO (Spa)	28.02.65
36	DIOGO LUIS	
2	Ivan DUDIC (Yug)	13.02.77
3	Adrian Alejandro Martinez ESCALONA (Chl)	14.08.79
6	FERNANDO Jose da Silva Freitas MEIRA	05.06.78
4	Carlos MARCHENA Lopez (Spa)	31.07.79
5	PAULO Sergio Braga MADEIRA	06.09.70
15	Ricardo ROJAS (Par)	26.01.71
13	RONALDO Guiaro (Bra)	18.02.74
16	SERGIO Manuel Ferreira NUNES	21.07.74

MIDFIELDERS

46	BRUNO AGUIAR	
22	Jose Antonio CALADO da Silva	01.03.74
18	Carlos Manuel da S. Cunha, CARLITOS	06.03.77
21	Daniel da Cruz Carvalho, DANI	02.11.76
17	Serguei KANDAUROV (Ukr)	02.12.72
20	Nuno Ricardo Oliveira Ribeiro, MANICHE	11.11.77
7	Karel POBORSKY (Cze)	30.03.72
10	Abdelsatar SABRY (Egy)	19.06.74
14	Christian URIBE (Chl)	01.08.76

FORWARDS

11	JOAO Henrique Pataco TOMAS	27.05.75
23	Luis MIGUEL Brito Garcia Monteiro	04.01.80
19	Vitor M. A. Gomes da Costa, TOY	15.06.77
9	Pierre VAN HOOIJDONK (Hol)	29.11.69

COACH

Jose MOURINHO

BOAVISTA

GOALKEEPERS

24	KHADIM Faye (Sen)	05.08.70
1	RICARDO Alexandre Martins Soares Pereira	11.02.76
12	Bassey WILLIAM Andem (Cam)	14.06.68

DEFENDERS

6	ERIVAN Nascimento Lima (Bra)	21.05.75
7	Luis JORGE Pinto da SILVA	04.12.75
17	Carlos Manuel de Oliveira Magalhaes, LITOS	25.02.74
29	Alessandro MARCAL Neves (Bra)	28.07.74
5	PEDRO EMANUEL Santos M. Silva	11.02.75
15	William QUEVEDO (Fra)	08.05.71
2	RUI OSCAR Neves da Sousa Viana	17.12.75
4	SERGIO Ricardo Pereira CARVALHO	06.05.77

MIDFIELDERS

13	EMANUEL Faria Braga	07.07.75
23	Nuno Miguel FRECHAUT Barreto	24.09.77
14	GERALDO (Bra)	15.09.72
21	Antonio Filipe de Sousa GOUVEIA	12.05.73
20	JORGE Antonio Pinto do COUTO	01.07.70
16	Joaquim Pereira Silva, MARTELINHO	19.11.74
18	PEDRO Jorge Santos dos SANTOS	28.06.76
25	Armando Goncalves Teixeira, PETIT	25.09.76
3	RUI Fernando da Silva Capalez BENTO	14.01.72
37	Erwin SANCHEZ (Bol)	19.10.69

FORWARDS

9	DEMETRIOS Montanini (Bra)	18.03.71
8	Carlos Eduardo Ventura, DUDA (Bra)	15.03.74
10	Almani Samori da Silva MOREIRA	16.06.78
19	Jose ROGERIO de Melo (Bra)	13.10.74
11	Elpidio Pereira da SILVA Filho (Bra)	19.07.75
30	WHELLITON Augusto Silva (Bra)	23.07.72

COACH

JAIME Moreira PACHECO

CAMPOMAIORENSE

GOALKEEPERS

1	PAULO SERGIO Rodrigues Firmino	13.11.70
24	Dragoslav POLEKSIC (Yug)	28.08.70
12	ROCHINHA	

DEFENDERS

4	Albekes Jose Assis Santos, BEKE (Bra)	18.06.76
25	BRUNO Miguel C. S. Oliveira MENDES	15.03.76
3	Adriano da Luz Duarte, DUCA (CVI)	18.08.72
14	Fernando JORGE da Silva RIBEIRO	15.11.75
2	MARCO ALMEIDA	04.04.77
21	Bruno Alexandre Santos PATACAS	30.11.77

MIDFIELDERS

17	CARLOS ALBERTO (Bra)	19.09.80
6	Carlos Alberto Correia Fortes, CAO	20.10.72
10	JOSE LUIS Alpalhao R. Prazeres	15.01.75
20	MARIO JORGE Aveleira Ramos	06.10.69
19	Severino MIGUEL C. Neves VAZ	01.09.72
7	Paulo Fernando da Estalagem POEJO	30.09.73
16	SANDRO Renato Pereira Pacheco	18.12.82
18	Fernando Manuel Gomes de SOUSA (Ang)	04.08.67
13	Pedro Miguel Ferreira Silva TORRAO	12.03.77
8	Srdjan ZAHARIEVSKI (Mac)	12.09.73

FORWARDS

22	Caceres CANETE Cesar (Par)	10.06.77
27	CONSTANTINO Roberto S. Jardim (Ang)	15.11.67
30	DETINHO Jose W. B. dos Santos (Bra)	11.09.73
23	HELDER GARCIA Pinto Almeida	27.12.76
9	Jorge Miguel Ferreira, JORGINHO	31.10.75
11	Jose LAELSON Lima Cabral (Bra)	29.10.75
5	Sreto RISTIC (Yug)	07.02.76

COACH

CARLOS MANUEL Correia dos Santos

ESTRELA AMADORA

GOALKEEPERS

24	HUGO Jose Martins ALVES	08.08.77
1	LUIS Filipe Pereira VASCO	29.12.66
31	MIGUEL ALEIXO	
12	TIAGO Alexandre Baptista Ferreira	16.04.75

DEFENDERS

6	Paulo Alexandre Rodrigues FONSECA (Moz)	05.03.73
5	Daniel KENEDY Pimentel M. dos Santos	18.02.74
3	Jose Martins LEAL	23.03.65
4	RAUL Miguel Silva da Fonseca Carlos OLIVEIRA	26.08.72
22	Joaquim Goncalves REBELO	12.02.61
2	RUI Miguel Leal das NEVES	21.12.69
26	SERGIO David Silveira BRAS	21.05.81

MIDFIELDERS

17	Gilberto Cesar Vouzela, GAUCHO II (Bra)	28.06.71
23	HELDER Sandro Morais QUENTAL	15.04.70
8	Claudinei Reis Sousa, IGOR (Bra)	27.05.79
7	JOSE CARLOS dos Santos Mateus	12.05.68
20	LAZARO Fonseca da Costa Oliveira (Ang)	27.08.67
25	LUIS CARLOS da Silva Marques	21.08.72
9	PEDRO Nuno Grais SIMOES	24.09.74
19	SERGIO Nuno Nogueira Pascoa MARQUES	19.09.76
18	TIAGO Nuno A. da Silva LEMOS	26.09.77

FORWARDS

11	Jorge Paulo CADETE Santos Reis	27.08.68
14	CRISTOVAO Francelino Junior (Bra)	11.11.75
10	DJALMA Henrique Silva (Bra)	24.11.75
13	Eric Freire Gomes, GAUCHO I (Bra)	22.09.72
21	Jose GILBERTO Ribeiro (Bra)	04.07.67
16	Antonio Paulo Sanches SEMEDO	01.06.79
15	Sergio Ricardo Ramalho, SERGINHO (Bra)	27.05.73

COACH

Joaquim Jesus, QUINITO

FARENSE

GOALKEEPERS

1	Zoran MIJANOVIC (Yug)	05.06.74
24	RAUL IGLESIAS (Spa)	21.11.74
12	RUI MARCOS Traqueia V. Nunes	22.04.75

DEFENDERS

13	CARLOS Miguel Brandao FERNANDES	05.05.78
3	Luis Miguel Passaro CAVACO	01.03.72
14	FERNANDO Jose PORTO Collazo (Spa)	23.04.74
30	Sebastian Zamora HERRERA (Spa)	22.04.69
5	NUNO Alexandre Carvalho CAMPOS	24.04.75
4	PAULO SERGIO Pacheco Silva (Bra)	02.04.69
16	Oscar Montalban Ramos, RUBIO (Spa)	17.05.76
2	Antonio Pedro B. Lopes, TONI	23.07.79

MIDFIELDERS

6	Nail BESIROVIC (Bos)	22.07.67
20	CARLOS Manuel Salgado COSTA	08.11.66
21	Ivan DJURDJEVIC (Yug)	05.02.77
18	FABIO Alexandre Duarte Felicia	02.05.82
22	NABOR Andre Sabino Canilhas	19.05.80
11	Johnny PATRICK da Silva (Bra)	07.09.78
15	Nuno Filipe da Cunha PINHAL	14.10.80
8	Jose Andres R. Martinez, RODRI (Spa)	19.07.76
7	VITOR MANUEL Sousa Ferreira	09.09.70

FORWARDS

27	Fernando DE LOS RIOS (Spa)	20.06.76
17	Nuno Jose Costa DIEB	06.06.75
9	Nader HASSAN (Mor)	08.07.65
25	MARCO NUNO Serrano Guerreiro	06.09.74
10	JEAN Francisco Rodrigues, PAULISTA (Bra)	28.11.77
19	ZEGARRA (Per)	01.04.73

COACH

Manuel BALELA

GIL VICENTE

GOALKEEPERS

24	ADRIANO Manuel M. Lopes	23.11.77
1	NUNO Guilherme de A. SAMPAIO	26.09.74
12	PAULO JORGE Carreira Nunes (Ang)	16.06.70

DEFENDERS

17	ALEX SANDRO Santos de Araujo (Bra)	01.10.78
5	Adriano Pedro BESSA Costa	18.12.76
23	CARLOS Agostinho Moreira Martins	22.01.73
3	IVO Rafael Brandao Afonso	17.12.77
4	Jose Carlos da Costa LEMOS (Bra)	07.10.71
18	NUNO AMARO Martins Damaso	15.01.76
2	RUI Miguel Montes GUERREIRO	31.01.75
22	SERGIO Miguel Lopes LOMBA Costa	11.08.73

MIDFIELDERS

8	Carlos ANDRE P. de Oliveira	28.11.71
9	Jorge Antonio Rosa CASQUILHA	13.01.69
30	CLAYTON (Bra)	
19	DARIO Osvaldo Dias Furtado (CVI)	14.01.79
16	Wendenson de Jesus Santos, DEL (Bra)	23.06.79
6	Joao Luis Ribeiro MATIAS	07.10.69
28	NUNO ASSIS Lopes Almeida	25.11.77
10	Pedro Miguel C. PINHEIRO	17.02.77
15	RUI JORGE	
26	SERGIO Jose Guerreiro GAMEIRO	06.12.75
20	Euclides L. T. Andrade, TCHIDE (CVI)	07.05.76
25	Eduardo M. Fernandes, VARGAS (CVI)	21.08.77
7	VITOR Sergio C. Barbosa VIEIRA	21.03.73
21	Indalecio Hitler G. S., ZICO (CVI)	04.05.77

FORWARDS

14	JEAN PIERRE Edmond Christine (Fra)	20.11.72
13	Marco Jose Goncalves, MARQUINHOS	20.11.74
27	PAULO CESAR	
11	Balde SADJO (GuB)	15.01.75

COACH

ALVARO Monteiro MAGALHAES

MARITIMO

GOALKEEPERS

50	Antonio Marcelino R. FIGUEIRA	30.08.78
24	GILMAR dal Pozzo (Bra)	01.09.69
12	Marco Apolinario Goncalves, MOURA	14.09.77
1	NELSON Augusto Nobre Vasco (Ang)	13.12.67

DEFENDERS

2	ALBERTINO Eloi Jesus Vieira Alves	05.11.71
3	CARLOS JORGE Camacho Dantas	08.11.66
56	CHINGUILHA	
17	EUSEBIO Malho Sousa	31.10.73
33	FERNANDO	03.10.80
5	JORGE Manuel Guerreiro SOARES	22.10.71
21	Carlos Alberto Teixeira MARIANO	21.11.75

MIDFIELDERS

22	Orlando Jose Lemos Martins, BAKERO	02.04.78
35	Nildo Santos Lopes Tavares, BRIGUEL	13.03.68
10	BRUNO (Bra)	30.06.74
18	Daniel Diaz Fernandez, DANI DIAZ (Spa)	03.08.73
11	Ilian ILIEV (Bul)	02.07.68
41	JOAO FLORES	21.10.79
6	JOAO Manuel Oliveira PINTO	03.08.71
30	JOEL Teixeira dos SANTOS	09.03.75
8	Predrag JOKANOVIC (Yug)	26.10.68
14	PAULO SERGIO da Silva (Bra)	02.12.72
13	Hugo Cardoso PORFIRIO	28.09.73
38	RUI CESAR	04.11.77
7	Jose Antonio Goncalves da Silva, ZECA	07.02.75

FORWARDS

16	Carlos Frederico LAGORIO (Arg)	28.07.65
23	Adelino Augusto Lopes, LINO (GuB)	21.11.76
45	PEDRO MOUTINHO	09.09.79
20	Joaquim Miguel Leitao de Freitas Ferraz, QUIM	16.05.74
31	RONALDO (Bra)	11.09.80
15	Musa Himie SHANNON (USA)	01.08.75
9	Marius Ninel SUMUDICA (Rom)	04.03.71

COACH

Eduardo Manuel Martinho Vingada, NELO VINGADA

PACOS FERREIRA

GOALKEEPERS

1	PEDRO Miguel das Neves Correia	22.11.74
24	Emilio R. F. dos Santos, PINHO	26.12.71
12	RUI Manuel Guimaraes dos Santos	06.05.82

DEFENDERS

8	ADALBERTO M. da Silva Ribeiro	13.02.69
25	Alfredo Daniel Lopes BOIA	28.11.75
3	Francisco J. F. F., CHICO FONSECA	13.03.68
27	GASPAR	01.06.75
4	JOAO ARMANDO da Rosa Salas	24.07.72
18	MARIO SERGIO Leal Nogueira	28.07.81
23	Paulo Jorge do C. M., PAULITO	23.11.67
6	Jose F. Silva Goncalves, ZE NANDO	21.07.75

MIDFIELDERS

2	Gilberto G. dos Santos, BETO (Bra)	20.11.76
21	Paulo M. G. das Neves, COLUNA	10.04.79
11	Jose EVERALDO Cesario Silva (Bra)	24.01.74
26	FILIPE A. Dias ANUNCIACAO	27.05.79
17	Antonio Jose Faria FORMOSO	08.02.74
5	GLAUBER Gomes de Farias (Bra)	09.02.75
20	MARCO PAULO Faria de Lemos	28.05.73
14	NELSON	08.07.76
22	Luis M. Campos de Sousa, NINI	13.04.78

FORWARDS

7	CARLOS Paulo Martins CARNEIRO	08.01.75
9	LEONARDO Lobato Ribeiro (Bra)	23.05.69
10	PAULO Jorge VIDA Ribeiro	09.12.71
19	RAFAEL Gustavo Dias (Bra)	03.06.74
16	JOSE Ze MANUEL	22.02.75

COACH

Jose MOTA

WORLDSERVICE

FC PORTO

GOALKEEPERS

24	Henrique HILARIO M. Alves Sampaio	21.10.75
55	Sergei OVCHINNIKOV (Rus)	10.11.70
44	PEDRO Manuel ESPINHA Ferreira	25.09.65
1	RUI Manuel da Silva CORREIA	22.10.67
	VITOR Manuel Martins BAIA	15.10.69

DEFENDERS

4	ALOISIO Pires Alves (Bra)	16.08.63
30	Jose Marcelo Januario Araujo, ESQUERDINHA (Bra)	06.05.72
2	JORGE Paulo COSTA Almeida	14.10.71
3	Fernando NELSON de Jesus Vieira Alves	05.11.71
33	RICARDO Emidio Ramalho da SILVA	26.09.75
22	RUBENS Rodrigues dos Santos JUNIOR (Bra)	08.01.75
7	Carlos Alberto Oliveira SECRETARIO	12.05.70

MIDFIELDERS

15	Dmitri ALENICHEV (Rus)	20.10.72
25	CANDIDO Alves Moreira da COSTA	30.04.81
21	Nuno Fernando Goncalves Rocha, CAPUCHO	21.02.72
18	Carlos Narciso CHAINHO	10.07.74
10	Anderson Luis de Souza, DECO (Bra)	27.08.77
11	Ljubinko DRULOVIC (Yug)	11.09.68
13	JORGE Manuel Almeida Gomes ANDRADE	09.04.78
23	Silvio MARIC (Cro)	20.03.75
5	Carlos Humberto PAREDES (Par)	16.07.76
20	Joao Paulo Maio dos Santos, PAULINHO SANTOS	21.11.70
17	PAULO ASSUNCAO (Bra)	25.01.80
8	Miran PAVLIN (Sln)	08.10.71
6	Emilio Manuel Delgado PEIXE	16.01.73

FORWARDS

28	CLAYTON Ferreira Cruz (Bra)	19.07.75
9	DOMINGOS Jose Paciencia de Oliveira	02.01.69
26	JOSIVAN Lima Fonseca (Bra)	19.11.79
31	Renivaldo Pereira de Jesus, PENA (Bra)	09.02.74
19	Juan PIZZI (Spa)	07.06.68
27	ROMEU Antonio Soares de Almeida	10.08.74

COACH

FERNANDO Manuel Costa SANTOS

SALGUEIROS

GOALKEEPERS

1	JOAO RICARDO Pereira B. Santos Ferreira (Ang)	07.01.70
12	JORGE Soares da SILVA	13.01.72
24	MARCO Javier Campos Moreira (Ven)	06.02.82

DEFENDERS

3	CARLOS Manuel Gomes ANDRADE	24.12.70
15	Mateus Manuel Agostinho, BODUNHA (Ang)	28.07.84
19	Fernando Manuel P. R., NANDINHO	05.10.75
2	Joaquim da Silva NEVES	24.12.70
4	Paulo Jose Ramos Mendes, PAULINHO	26.05.66
17	Luis Miguel Amorim PEDROSA	13.03.72
23	RICARDO Manuel da Silva FERNANDES	14.01.78
22	Diego TROTTA (Arg)	14.01.78

MIDFIELDERS

21	BASILIO Alexandre Neiva de ALMEIDA	12.08.71
18	Carlos P. Silva Morais, CALO (CVI)	21.03.76
20	CARLOS Alberto Martins FERREIRA	21.03.71
7	Eduardo Marcio Ramos, EDU (Bra)	30.08.76
14	Ivan LITERA (Yug)	13.02.76
8	MARCO CLAUDIO Cardoso Lourenco	05.05.79
6	RUI Vitor da Silva FERREIRA	29.03.73
5	Antonio M. Silva Cruz, TONINHO CRUZ	27.03.69

FORWARDS

16	JOAO PEDRO Fernandes	09.03.75
10	Ahmed OUATARRA (IvC)	15.02.69
9	Juliano Pascarullo Martins, PAQUITO (Bra)	26.08.77
11	Manuel Senrada RAMOS	09.05.78

COACH

VITOR MANUEL

SPORTING BRAGA

GOALKEEPERS

12	PAULO Jorge Matos MORAIS	10.08.74
1	Joaquim Manuel Sampaio Silva, QUIM	27.11.75
31	RUI Manuel Castanheira REGO	05.07.80

DEFENDERS

30	Luis Filipe ANDRADE Oliveira	30.09.73
19	ARTUR JORGE Torres Gomes Araujo Amorim	01.01.72
	Roberto dos Santos, DOUGLAS (Bra)	20.04.79
5	IDALECIO Silvestre Lopes Soares Rosa	27.09.73
2	JOSE NUNO Freire da Silva Azevedo	19.07.69
3	ODAIR D'Arc Borges (Bra)	15.10.73
33	RICARDO Sergio ROCHA Azevedo	
15	RODRIGO ANICETO da Silva (Bra)	12.01.77
27	Jose Carlos Leite de SOUSA	09.10.77

MIDFIELDERS

7	Jose Alberto da Mota BARROSO	26.08.70
23	Jorge Orlando BRITEZ (Par)	08.02.81
22	BRUNO Alexandre de Vaza Ferreira	12.10.70
14	Vitor Ilidio CASTANHEIRA Penas	07.09.77
10	LUIS MIGUEL da Fonseca Silva Costa (Ang)	22.07.71
6	Rui Miguel Baptista Araujo, MOZER	15.03.72
21	Riveilson Evangelista da Silva, RIVA (Bra)	19.09.70
16	TIAGO Cardoso Mendes	02.05.81

FORWARDS

25	Jose Luis DEUS Rodriguez (Spa)	12.01.77
11	EDMILSON Dias de Lucena (Bra)	29.05.68
8	Fabio Leandro Barbosa, FABINHO (Bra)	05.02.78
28	Miklos FEHER (Hun)	20.07.79
18	LUIS FILIPE Angelo Rodrigues Fernandes	14.06.79
26	Theodore Zue N'GUEMA (Gab)	09.11.73

COACH

MANUEL Ventura CAJUDA de Sousa

SPORTING LISBON

GOALKEEPERS

1	Peter SCHMEICHEL (Den)	18.11.63
24	NELSON Alexandre Gomes Perreira	20.10.75
12	NUNO Filipe Oliveira dos SANTOS	09.07.78

DEFENDERS

50	ANDRE Alves CRUZ (Bra)	20.09.68
5	Phil BABB (Ire)	30.11.70
22	Roberto Luis Gaspar Deus Severo, BETO	03.05.76
29	CESAR Luis PRATES (Bra)	08.02.75
3	DIMAS Manuel Marques Teixeira	16.02.69
15	HUGO Miguel Fernandes Vieira	11.08.76
2	Joaquim A. F. Machado, QUIM BERTO	09.10.71
23	RUI JORGE de Sousa Dias M. Oliveira	27.03.73

MIDFIELDERS

18	Manuel Albino Morim Macaes, BINO	19.12.72
4	BRUNO Ricardo Mendonca de CAIRES	02.04.76
46	CARLOS MARTINS	
6	DELFIM Jose Fernandes Rola Teixeira	05.02.77
13	Pavel HORVATH (Cze)	22.04.75
21	Alan MAHON (Ire)	04.04.78
17	PAULO Jorge Gomes BENTO	20.06.69
8	PEDRO Alexandre dos Santos BARBOSA	06.08.70
28	RODRIGO FABRI (Bra)	15.01.76
14	Antonio Jesus Garcia Gonzalez, TONITO (Spa)	24.02.77

FORWARDS

11	Alberto Federico ACOSTA (Arg)	23.08.66
10	EDMILSON Goncalves Pimenta (Bra)	17.09.71
9	Ivailo IORDANOV (Bul)	22.04.68
25	JOAO Manuel Vieira PINTO	19.08.71
19	Jovan KIROVSKI (USA)	18.03.76
48	Mbo MPENZA (Blg)	04.12.76
7	Ricardo Manuel da Silva SA PINTO	10.10.72
99	Robert SPEHAR (Cro)	13.05.70

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Augusto INACIO

UNIAO LEIRIA

GOALKEEPERS

12	Fernando Carlos da Silva BAPTISTA	29.10.70
1	Paulo R. COSTINHA Melo Castro	22.09.73
24	Vasco Jose Pedrosa EVORA	01.12.78

DEFENDERS

2	Luis Miguel BILRO Pereira	01.04.71
21	CEDRIC Matos Jorge	28.07.81
5	EDER (Bra)	07.10.77
22	Micael Simao Pedrosa, MICAS	22.01.81
8	NUNO Jorge Pereira Silva VALENTE	12.09.74
19	PAULO Jorge Rebelo DUARTE	06.04.69
17	RENATO Jorge Magalhaes Dias Assuncao	21.01.73

MIDFIELDERS

10	Jailton dos Santos, DINDA (Bra)	18.08.72
13	JOAO MANUEL Loureiro dos Santos	31.08.67
16	Augusto Duarte Pinto Maia, LEAO	22.04.71
7	LUIS Miguel Silva Tavares, VOUZELA	10.03.74
4	PEDRO Miguel Santos REGUEIRA	20.06.81
6	TIAGO Cesar Moreira Pereira	04.07.75

FORWARDS

11	Wanderlei F. da Silva, DERLEI (Bra)	14.07.75
15	Emmanuel DUAH (Gha)	14.11.76
23	Petar KRPAN (Cro)	01.07.74
14	LUIS CARLOS (Bra)	28.03.74
9	PAULO Lourenco Martins ALVES	10.12.69
18	Antonio Jose R. Ribeiro, TO-ZE (Ang)	11.09.77
20	Jose Jorge Gomes O. Almeida, ZEZINHO	22.01.72

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MANUEL JOSE

VITORIA GUIMARAES

GOALKEEPERS

24	CANDIDO de Amorim G. do Rego	18.02.71
12	Tomas TOMIC (Cro)	10.01.77
1	VITOR NUNO Martins Esteves	19.04.75

DEFENDERS

29	ABEL Fernando Moreira Ferreira	22.12.78
15	AURI Dias Faustino (Bra)	07.11.73
21	MARCIO Paraiso THEODORO (Bra)	19.02.68
3	PAULO Frederico Benevenuti	
20	ROGERIO Pedro C. Marques Matias	22.01.74
17	RUBEM Rocha da Silva JUNIOR (Bra)	28.06.78
4	WILLIAM Amaral de Andrade (Bra)	21.12.67

MIDFIELDERS

6	CARLOS ALVAREZ Perez (Spa)	01.11.71
7	Carlos Manuel FANGUEIRO Soares	19.12.76
11	GERALDO Moreira Silva Junior (Bra)	06.02.74
18	HUGO Filipe da Silva CUNHA	18.02.77
19	Jose Carlos LIMA dos Santos	02.10.77
10	Domingos Alexandrino Fonseca Gomes, LIXA (CVI)	22.01.77
30	Marco Paulo PAIVA da Rocha	07.02.73
16	PAULO Jorge Sousa GOMES	04.03.75
8	PEDRO Miguel da Silva MENDES	26.02.79
5	Carlos Eduardo C., PRETO (Bra)	07.05.75
	Jose Amorim Goncalves REGO	11.08.78
14	Sven Fredrik Olof SODERSTROM (Swe)	30.01.73

FORWARDS

27	Edwin CONGO (Col)	07.10.76
9	EVANDO Spinasse Camillato (Bra)	07.03.77
28	MANOEL Lourenco da Silva Filho (Bra)	02.02.78
22	Cieverson MAURILIO Silva	
23	SERGIO Guimaraes da Silva JUNIOR (Bra)	19.02.79

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Paulo AUTUORI (Bra)

SPAIN

ALAVES

GOALKEEPERS

1	Martin Horacio HERRERA (Arg)	13.09.70
25	Enrique Burgos Carrasco, KIKE	20.01.71

DEFENDERS

2	Cosmin Marius CONTRA (Rom)	15.12.75
8	Vlatko DJOLONGA (Cro)	30.09.76
4	Dan EGGEN (Nor)	13.01.70
32	ETXARRI	
17	Raul GANAN Bermudez	20.12.74
7	Delfi GELI Roura	22.04.69
3	IBON BEGONA Zubiaurre	17.11.73
22	Jose Tomas Valdomino, JOSETE	12.03.70
5	Antonio KARMONA Herrera	24.03.68
6	Oscar TELLEZ Gomez	02.04.75

MIDFIELDERS

18	Martin Mauricio ASTUDILLO (Arg)	10.07.77
20	Jorge AZKOITIA Gabiola	27.04.74
16	Hermes Aldo DESIO (Arg)	20.01.70
21	MARIO Alberto Rosas Montero	22.05.80
26	Ignacio Zaragoza Moreno de Arcos,	
31	NACHO ZARAGOZA	24.02.79
10	PABLO	21.05.70
27	Asier SALCEDO Borrega	09.04.80
15	Ivan TOMIC (Yug)	05.01.76
23	Jurica VUCKO (Cro)	08.10.76

FORWARDS

14	Jordi CRUYFF (Hol)	09.02.74
30	Juan EPITIE Dyowo Roig	12.10.76
19	IVAN Daniel ALONSO (Uru)	10.04.79
9	Javier Moreno Varela, JAVI MORENO	10.09.74
11	MAGNO Mocelin (Bra)	26.02.74

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Jose Manuel Esnal Pardo, MANE

ATHLETIC BILBAO

GOALKEEPERS

25	Daniel ARANZUBIA Aguado	18.09.79
13	Imanol ETXEBERRIA Egana	27.03.73
1	Inaki LAFUENTE Sanchez	24.01.76

DEFENDERS

4	Rafael ALKORTA Martinez	16.09.68
12	CARLOS GARCIA Garcia	13.08.70
27	Asier DEL HORNO Cosgaya	19.01.81
5	FELIPE Gurendez Aldanondo	18.11.75
11	Jesus Maria LACRUZ Gomez	25.04.78
21	Inigo LARRAINZAR Santamaria	05.06.71
10	Aitor LARRAZABAL Bilbao	21.06.71
19	Mikel LASA Goikoetxea	09.09.71
14	Roberto RIOS Patus	08.10.71

MIDFIELDERS

18	Bittor ALKIZA Fernandez	26.10.70
15	CARLOS MERINO Gonzalez	15.03.80
37	Unai EXPOSITO Medina	23.01.80
8	Julen GUERRERO Lopez	07.01.74
7	Andoni IMAZ Garmendia	05.09.71
24	Pablo ORBAIZ Lesaca	06.02.79
3	OSKAR VALES Varela	13.09.74
23	Roberto Martinez Ripodas, TIKO	15.09.76
6	Josu URRUTIA Telleria	10.04.68
16	Francisco Javier YESTE Navarro	06.12.79

FORWARDS

36	DAVID KARANKA De la Hoz	20.04.78
17	Joseba ETXEBERRIA Lizardi	05.09.77
9	Santiago EZQUERRO Marin	14.12.76
22	Javier Glez Gomez, JAVI GONZALEZ	22.03.74
20	Ismael URZAIZ Aranda	07.10.71

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1	Richard DUTRUEL (Fra)	24.12.72
35	Jose Manuel REINA Paez	31.08.82

DEFENDERS

5	ABELARDO Fernandez Antuna	19.03.70
30	David BERMUDO Rubio	14.01.79
26	Ivan Javier CUADRADO Alonso	21.02.79
3	Frank DE BOER (Hol)	15.05.70
32	FERNANDO Navarro	25.06.82
24	Carles PUYOL Saforcada	13.04.78
2	Michael REIZIGER (Hol)	03.05.73
12	SERGI Barjuan Esclusa	28.12.71

MIDFIELDERS

27	Mikel ARTETA Amatriain	26.03.82
6	Ivan DE LA PENA	06.05.76
8	Philip COCU (Hol)	29.10.70
18	Gabriel Garcia de la Torre, GABRI	10.02.79
14	GERARD Lopez Segu	12.03.77
4	Josep GUARDIOLA Sala	18.01.71
15	Jari LITMANEN (Fin)	20.02.71
21	LUIS ENRIQUE Martinez Garcia	08.05.70
11	Marc OVERMARS (Hol)	29.03.73
17	Emmanuel PETIT (Fra)	22.09.70
16	Xavier Hernandez Creus, XAVI	25.01.80

FORWARDS

7	ALFONSO Perez Munoz	26.09.72
19	Daniel Garcia Lara, DANI	22.12.74
9	Partrick KLUIVERT (Hol)	01.07.76
29	Fernando Macedo da Silva, NANO	20.04.82
10	Vitor Barbosa Ferreira, RIVALDO (Bra)	19.04.72
28	Sergio SANTAMARIA Gonzalez	16.07.80
20	SIMAO Pedro Fonseca Sabrosa (Por)	30.10.79
23	Boudewijn ZENDEN (Hol)	15.08.76

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GOALKEEPERS

25	Pablo Oscar CAVALLERO (Arg)	13.04.74
13	Jose Manuel PINTO Colorado	08.11.75
26	ROBERTO Fernandez Alvalleros	25.01.79

DEFENDERS

3	Rafael BERGES Martin	21.01.71
4	Francisco Gabriel CACERES (Arg)	07.02.69
18	Pablo COIRA	18.10.79
19	Goran DJOROVIC (Yug)	11.11.71
14	Juan Francisco Garcia Garcia, JUANFRAN	15.07.76
16	Francisco NOGUEROL Freijedo	09.07.76
21	SERGIO Fernandez Gonzalez	23.05.77
2	Juan VELASCO Damas	17.05.77
23	YAGO	

MIDFIELDERS

	Juan Diego BUGARIN Oya	06.11.78
15	Guidona Junior DORIVA (Bra)	28.05.72
22	EDU	
5	Everton GIOVANELLA (Bra)	13.09.70
	JACOBO CAMPOS Pineiro	15.03.81
27	JONATHAN Aspas Juncal	28.02.82
8	Valery KARPIN (Rus)	02.02.69
12	MANOLO Perez	31.08.76
10	Alexander MOSTOVOI (Rus)	22.08.68
6	TOMAS Alberto Hervas Giron	25.11.70
7	VAGNER Rogerio Nunes (Bra)	19.03.79

FORWARDS

24	Henrique Guedes da Silva, CATANHA (Bra)	06.03.72
11	GUSTAVO Adrian LOPEZ (Arg)	13.04.73
20	Jesus Antonion Mora Nieto, JESULI	24.01.78
17	Benedict McCARTHY (SAf)	12.11.77
	Jose Maria MENA Garcia	28.09.78
30	OSCAR	
9	PABLO	09.08.79

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Victor FERNANDEZ Braulio

DEP LA CORUNA

GOALKEEPERS

23	Daniel Mallo Castro, DANI MALLO	25.01.79
43	Petr KOUBA (Cze)	28.09.69
13	Jose Francisco MOLINA Gimenez	08.08.70
1	Jacques SONGO'O (Cam)	17.03.64

DEFENDERS

15	Joan CAPDEVILA Mendez	02.03.78
5	CESAR Martin Villar	02.04.77
20	DONATO Gama da Silva	30.12.62
22	HELDER Marino Rodrigues Cristovao (Por)	21.03.71
2	MANUEL PABLO Garcia Diaz	25.01.76
4	Noureddine NAYBET (Mor)	10.02.70
19	Luis Miguel RAMIS Monfort	25.07.70
3	Enrique Fernandez ROMERO	23.06.71
12	Lionel Sebastian SCALONI (Arg)	16.05.78

MIDFIELDERS

16	CESAR SAMPAIO Campos (Bra)	31.03.68
8	Dialma Feitosa Dias, DJALMINHA (Bra)	09.12.70
23	Aldo Pedro DUSCHER (Arg)	22.03.79
14	EMERSON Moises Costa (Bra)	12.04.72
25	FERNANDO Sanchez Cipitria	12.09.71
10	Francisco Javier Gonzalez Perez, FRAN	14.07.69
94	JAIME Sanchez Fernandez	20.03.73
6	MAURO da SILVA Gomes (Bra)	12.01.68
17	Juan Carlos VALERON Santana	17.06.75
18	VICTOR Sanchez del Amo	23.02.76

FORWARDS

	Salahedine BASSIR (Mor)	05.09.72
	Marcos Yanez Fernandez, CHANGUI	10.04.77
9	DIEGO TRISTAN Herrera	05.01.76
96	IVAN Perez Munoz	29.01.76
7	Roy MAKAAY (Hol)	03.03.75
17	Walter Gerardo PANDIANI (Uru)	27.04.76
11	Jose Oscar 'TURU' FLORES (Arg)	16.05.71

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Javier IRURETA

ESPANYOL

GOALKEEPERS

13	Alfredo ARGENSO Salla	04.11.74
26	Salvador BALBUENA Teruel	03.02.78
1	Jose Luis MORA Palacios	12.07.73

DEFENDERS

2	CRISTOBAL Parralo Aguilera	21.08.67
30	Alberto LOPO Garcia	05.05.80
4	Fernando Munoz Garcia, NANDO	30.10.67
5	Mauricio POCHETTINO (Arg)	02.03.72
3	Pablo Oscar ROTCHEN (Arg)	23.04.73
99	Cesar SANTIS Santander (Chl)	05.02.79
16	Antonio SOLDEVILLA Castellsague	19.12.78
12	Delio Cesar TOLEDO	02.10.76

MIDFIELDERS

19	Moises Garcia Fernandez, ARTEAGA	01.09.69
27	BRUNO	
15	Constantin GALCA (Rom)	08.03.72
20	Angel MORALES Cuerva	13.07.75
17	Joan Ribera Maso, NAN RIBERA	22.04.75
18	Mauro Esteban NAVAS (Arg)	20.10.74
24	ROGER Garcia Junyent	15.12.76
8	SERGIO Gonzalez Soriano	10.11.76
7	Antonio VELAMAZAN Tejedor	22.01.77

FORWARDS

21	David AGANZO Mendez	10.01.81
10	Miguel Angel BENITEZ (Par)	19.05.70
14	Enrique DE LUCAS Martinez	17.08.78
28	IVAN DIAZ Ruiz	10.07.78
22	MANEL Martinez Fernandez	03.11.73
6	OSCAR Garcia Junyent	26.04.73
11	Martin Andres POSSE (Arg)	20.08.75
9	Manuel SERRANO Pulido	10.09.72
23	Raul TAMUDO Montero	19.10.77

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Francisco FLORES

LAS PALMAS

GOALKEEPERS

13	Francisco Rodriguez AMADOR	13.12.68
1	Zeljko CICOVIC (Yug)	16.09.70
25	Ignacio Carlos Gonzalez, NACHO GONZALEZ	17.12.71

DEFENDERS

14	ALVARO (Bra)	01.11.77
26	JAIME Ramon MOLINA Mata	15.03.69
23	JAIME QUESADA Chavarria	21.09.71
22	Tomas OLIAS Gutierrez	04.02.69
5	Francisco Nicolas Vega Fragoso, PAQUI	06.12.70
3	RAMON Gonzalez Exposito	25.11.74
4	Koldo SARASUA Gamazo	18.03.72
12	Gabriel SCHURRER (Arg)	16.08.71
	VICTOR Alfonso Mateo	27.08.71

MIDFIELDERS

2	Alejandro Castro Martin, ALEX	20.12.74
20	BAIANO (Bra)	28.06.78
21	Eduardo Alonso Alvarez, EDU ALONSO	30.05.74
17	Robert JARNI (Cro)	26.10.68
27	JORGE Larena Avellaneda Roig	29.09.81
6	Jose Moreno Berdu, JOSICO	06.01.75
15	Antonio MORENO Dominguez	26.09.74
8	Francisco Ortiz Rivas, PAQUITO	12.08.69
18	Vinny SAMWAYS (Eng)	27.10.68
	Juan Carlos SOCORRO Vera (Ven)	13.05.72

FORWARDS

29	ANGEL Lopez Ruano	10.03.81
53	ANGEL SANCHEZ Acosta	30.07.77
7	Jose ELOY Jimenez Moreno	14.06.71
10	Thordur GUDJONSSON (Ice)	14.10.73
11	OKTAY Dereliogiu (Tur)	17.12.75
9	ORLANDO Suarez Azofra	21.11.72
19	Souleymane OULARE (Gui)	16.10.72
16	PABLO Ballesteros LAGO	31.08.74
59	Marcos SEQUEIROS Estevez	12.12.73

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Sergio KRESIC

MALAGA

GOALKEEPERS

31	Juan Jesus CALATAYUD Sanchez	21.12.79
13	Pedro CONTRERAS Gonzalez	07.01.72
1	Rafael Gonzalez Robles, RAFA	25.10.70

DEFENDERS

3	Francisco Javier Lopez BRAVO	06.04.74
19	FERNANDO SANZ Duran	01.01.74
6	Raul IZNATA Zabala	21.09.77
26	Jose Miguel Gonzalez Rey, JOSEMI	15.11.79
21	Domingo LARRAINZAR Santamaria	08.09.69
29	Andres PATO Bernal	06.04.74
4	Martin RIVAS (Uru)	10.02.77
2	Roberto ROJAS Gonzalez	17.11.74
5	Mikel ROTETA Lopetegi	16.01.70
12	Vicente VALCARCE Cano	19.10.74

MIDFIELDERS

16	Joaquin AGOSTINHO da S. Ribeiro (Por)	15.10.75
22	Gonzalo DE LOS SANTOS (Uru)	16.10.68
27	Juan Jesus Gutierrez Robles, JUANITO	17.02.80
7	Jose Maria MOVILLA Cubero	08.02.78
11	Kiki MUSAMPA (Hol)	20.07.77
17	Awulu QUAYE (Gha)	24.09.80
8	Francisco Manuel RUANO Bausan	16.07.74
18	Francisco Joaquin RUFETE	20.11.76
23	Carlos Alejandro Sierra Fumero, SANDRO	14.10.74
20	Ariel Silvio ZARATE Riga (Arg)	13.07.73

FORWARDS

10	Sebastian Fernandez Reyes, BASTI	21.06.74
24	Manuel CANABAL	10.11.74
9	DARIO Debray SILVA Pereira (Uru)	02.11.72
25	Julio Cesar DELY VALDES (Pan)	12.03.67
14	EDGAR Patricio Carvalho Pacheco (Por)	07.08.77
15	ISMAEL Marchal Razuin	21.03.75
28	Juan Manuel Gomez Sanchez, JUANMA	29.05.81

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Joaquin PEIRO

MALLORCA

GOALKEEPERS

25	Leonardo Noeren Franco, LEO FRANCO (Arg)	20.05.77
13	Miguel Garro Gomila, MIKI	20.12.75
1	Carlos ROA (Arg)	15.08.69

DEFENDERS

2	ARMANDO Alvarez Alvarez (Fra)	18.07.70
7	Lluis CARRERAS Ferrer	24.09.72
30	Jorge CORDERO Sanchez	04.06.77
3	MIQUEL SOLER Sarasols	13.03.65
20	Miguel Angel NADAL	28.07.66
5	Fernando NINO Bejereno	16.09.74
14	Xabier OLAIZOLA Rodriguez	28.11.69
6	Gustavo Leonel SIVIERO (Arg)	13.09.69

MIDFIELDERS

33	Ardijan DJOKAJ (Yug)	23.05.79
23	Vicente ENGONGA Mate	20.10.65
17	FINIDI George (Nig)	15.04.71
10	Ariel Miguel IBAGAZA (Arg)	27.10.76
18	MARCOS Martin de la Fuente	17.09.68
28	Alvaro NOVO Ramirez	16.05.78
15	PACO SOLER Atencia	05.03.70
26	Julian ROBLES Garcia	23.03.81
29	Antonio Ruiz Fernandez, ROMERITO	20.02.77
11	Jovan STANKOVIC (Yug)	04.03.71

FORWARDS

22	Leonardo Angel BIAGINI (Arg)	13.04.77
8	CARLOS Dominguez Dominguez	18.09.76
9	Samuel ETO'O Fils (Cam)	10.03.81
27	Daniel Gonzalez GUIZA	17.08.82
21	Jose Miguel Perez Ruiz, JOSEMI	28.01.76
19	Alberto LUQUE Martos	11.03.78

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Luis ARAGONES

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GOALKEEPERS

1	Adrian Alvaro NUNEZ (Uru)	11.05.73
13	OSCAR ROJAS Osuna	07.06.76
25	RAUL Rodriguez Serrano	29.11.73

DEFENDERS

23	Francisco Javier Montoya Gomez, CURRO MONTOYA	13.02.77
12	CULEBRAS Daniel Marcelo Mayo Capasso, DANI MAYO	28.11.72
6	GUSTAVO de la Parra Navarro	19.12.75
4	Diego JAUME Favaro (Uru)	09.10.73
16	Jose MANEL Menendez Herminia	07.01.71
36	Damian Marcelo MANUSOVICH (Arg)	30.01.73
5	Juan Ramon Lopez MUNIZ	02.11.68
3	Miguel Angel SORIA Lopez	26.03.74

MIDFIELDERS

22	Alejandro 'CACO' MORAN Santamaria	30.04.73
15	Rafael CLAVERO	21.06.77
7	Jose Ignacio Hurtado Lopez, INAKI	26.02.72
18	JOSE MANUEL Colmenaro Crespo	29.11.73
17	Claudio Javier MARINI	15.05.72
2	Txomin NAGORE Arbizu	26.08.74
11	OCTAVIO Vinals Gonzalez	19.09.70
20	Jose Rojo Martin, PACHETA	23.03.68
19	David Almazan PIRRI	12.02.74
10	Laurentiu ROSU (Rom)	26.10.75
8	Vicente Blasco Sanchez, TITO	15.07.71

FORWARDS

21	Constantin BARBU (Rom)	16.05.71
14	Jorge Luis Delgado Rueda, CHISPA DELGADO (Uru)	12.02.74
24	Pedro Rafael OJEDA Bustos (Arg)	15.11.72
9	RUBEN NAVARRO Mendez	06.06.78

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3	Frank DE BOER (Hol)	15.05.70
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24	Carles PUYOL Saforcada	13.04.78
2	Michael REIZIGER (Hol)	03.05.73
12	SERGI Barjuan Esclusa	28.12.71

MIDFIELDERS

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6	Ivan DE LA PENA	06.05.76
8	Philip COCU (Hol)	29.10.70
18	Gabriel Garcia de la Torre, GABRI	10.02.79
14	GERARD Lopez Segu	12.03.77
4	Josep GUARDIOLA Sala	18.01.71
15	Jari LITMANEN (Fin)	20.02.71
21	LUIS ENRIQUE Martinez Garcia	08.05.70
11	Marc OVERMARS (Hol)	29.03.73
17	Emmanuel PETIT (Fra)	22.09.70
16	Xavier Hernandez Creus, XAVI	25.01.80

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7	ALFONSO Perez Munoz	26.09.72
19	Daniel Garcia Lara, DANI	22.12.74
9	Partrick KLUIVERT (Hol)	01.07.76
29	Fernando Macedo da Silva, NANO	20.04.82
10	Vitor Barbosa Ferreira, RIVALDO (Bra)	19.04.72
28	Sergio SANTAMARIA Gonzalez	16.07.80
20	SIMAO Pedro Fonseca Sabrosa (Por)	30.10.79
23	Boudewijn ZENDEN (Hol)	15.08.76

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CELTA VIGO

GOALKEEPERS

25	Pablo Oscar CAVALLERO (Arg)	13.04.74
13	Jose Manuel PINTO Colorado	08.11.75
26	ROBERTO Fernandez Alvalleros	25.01.79

DEFENDERS

3	Rafael BERGES Martin	21.01.71
4	Francisco Gabriel CACERES (Arg)	07.02.69
18	Pablo COIRA	18.10.79
19	Goran DJOROVIC (Yug)	11.11.71
14	Juan Francisco Garcia Garcia, JUANFRAN	15.07.76
16	Francisco NOGUEROL Freijedo	09.07.76
21	SERGIO Fernandez Gonzalez	23.05.77
2	Juan VELASCO Damas	17.05.77
23	YAGO	

MIDFIELDERS

	Juan Diego BUGARIN Oya	06.11.78
15	Guidona Junior DORIVA (Bra)	28.05.72
22	EDU	
5	Everton GIOVANELLA (Bra)	13.09.70
	JACOBO CAMPOS Pineiro	15.03.81
27	JONATHAN Aspas Juncal	28.02.82
8	Valery KARPIN (Rus)	02.02.69
12	MANOLO Perez	31.08.76
10	Alexander MOSTOVOI (Rus)	22.08.68
6	TOMAS Alberto Hervas Giron	25.11.70
7	VAGNER Rogerio Nunes (Bra)	19.03.79

FORWARDS

24	Henrique Guedes da Silva, CATANHA (Bra)	06.03.72
11	GUSTAVO Adrian LOPEZ (Arg)	13.04.73
20	Jesus Antonion Mora Nieto, JESULI	24.01.78
17	Benedict McCARTHY (SAf)	12.11.77
	Jose Maria MENA Garcia	28.09.78
30	OSCAR	
9	PABLO	09.08.79

COACH

Victor FERNANDEZ Braulio

DEP LA CORUNA

GOALKEEPERS

23	Daniel Mallo Castro, DANI MALLO	25.01.79
43	Petr KOUBA (Cze)	28.09.69
13	Jose Francisco MOLINA Gimenez	08.08.70
1	Jacques SONGO'O (Cam)	17.03.64

DEFENDERS

15	Joan CAPDEVILA Mendez	02.03.78
5	CESAR Martin Villar	02.04.77
20	DONATO Gama da Silva	30.12.62
22	HELDER Marino Rodrigues Cristovao (Por)	21.03.71
2	MANUEL PABLO Garcia Diaz	25.01.76
4	Noureddine NAYBET (Mor)	10.02.70
19	Luis Miguel RAMIS Monfort	25.07.70
3	Enrique Fernandez ROMERO	23.06.71
12	Lionel Sebastian SCALONI (Arg)	16.05.78

MIDFIELDERS

16	CESAR SAMPAIO Campos (Bra)	31.03.68
8	Dialma Feitosa Dias, DJALMINHA (Bra)	09.12.70
23	Aldo Pedro DUSCHER (Arg)	22.03.79
14	EMERSON Moises Costa (Bra)	12.04.72
25	FERNANDO Sanchez Cipitria	12.09.71
10	Francisco Javier Gonzalez Perez, FRAN	14.07.69
94	JAIME Sanchez Fernandez	20.03.73
6	MAURO da SILVA Gomes (Bra)	12.01.68
17	Juan Carlos VALERON Santana	17.06.75
18	VICTOR Sanchez del Amo	23.02.76

FORWARDS

	Salahedine BASSIR (Mor)	05.09.72
	Marcos Yanez Fernandez, CHANGUI	10.04.77
9	DIEGO TRISTAN Herrera	05.01.76
96	IVAN Perez Munoz	29.01.76
7	Roy MAKAAY (Hol)	03.03.75
17	Walter Gerardo PANDIANI (Uru)	27.04.76
11	Jose Oscar 'TURU' FLORES (Arg)	16.05.71

COACH

Javier IRURETA

ESPANYOL

GOALKEEPERS

13	Alfredo ARGENSO Salla	04.11.74
26	Salvador BALBUENA Teruel	03.02.78
1	Jose Luis MORA Palacios	12.07.73

DEFENDERS

2	CRISTOBAL Parralo Aguilera	21.08.67
30	Alberto LOPO Garcia	05.05.80
4	Fernando Munoz Garcia, NANDO	30.10.67
5	Mauricio POCHETTINO (Arg)	02.03.72
3	Pablo Oscar ROTCHEN (Arg)	23.04.73
99	Cesar SANTIS Santander (Chl)	05.02.79
16	Antonio SOLDEVILLA Castellsague	19.12.78
12	Delio Cesar TOLEDO	02.10.76

MIDFIELDERS

19	Moises Garcia Fernandez, ARTEAGA	01.09.69
27	BRUNO	
15	Constantin GALCA (Rom)	08.03.72
20	Angel MORALES Cuerva	13.07.75
17	Joan Ribera Maso, NAN RIBERA	22.04.75
18	Mauro Esteban NAVAS (Arg)	20.10.74
24	ROGER Garcia Junyent	15.12.76
8	SERGIO Gonzalez Soriano	10.11.76
7	Antonio VELAMAZAN Tejedor	22.01.77

FORWARDS

21	David AGANZO Mendez	10.01.81
10	Miguel Angel BENITEZ (Par)	19.05.70
14	Enrique DE LUCAS Martinez	17.08.78
28	IVAN DIAZ Ruiz	10.07.78
22	MANEL Martinez Fernandez	03.11.73
6	OSCAR Garcia Junyent	26.04.73
11	Martin Andres POSSE (Arg)	20.08.75
9	Manuel SERRANO Pulido	10.09.72
23	Raul TAMUDO Montero	19.10.77

COACH

Francisco FLORES

LAS PALMAS

GOALKEEPERS

13	Francisco Rodriguez AMADOR	13.12.68
1	Zeljko CICOVIC (Yug)	16.09.70
25	Ignacio Carlos Gonzalez, NACHO GONZALEZ	17.12.71

DEFENDERS

14	ALVARO (Bra)	01.11.77
26	JAIME Ramon MOLINA Mata	15.03.69
23	JAIME QUESADA Chavarria	21.09.71
22	Tomas OLIAS Gutierrez	04.02.69
5	Francisco Nicolas Vega Fragoso, PAQUI	06.12.70
3	RAMON Gonzalez Exposito	25.11.74
4	Koldo SARASUA Gamazo	18.03.72
12	Gabriel SCHURRER (Arg)	16.08.71
	VICTOR Alfonso Mateo	27.08.71

MIDFIELDERS

2	Alejandro Castro Martin, ALEX	20.12.74
20	BAIANO (Bra)	28.06.78
21	Eduardo Alonso Alvarez, EDU ALONSO	30.05.74
17	Robert JARNI (Cro)	26.10.68
27	JORGE Larena Avellaneda Roig	29.09.81
6	Jose Moreno Berdu, JOSICO	06.01.75
15	Antonio MORENO Dominguez	26.09.74
8	Francisco Ortiz Rivas, PAQUITO	12.08.69
18	Vinny SAMWAYS (Eng)	27.10.68
	Juan Carlos SOCORRO Vera (Ven)	13.05.72

FORWARDS

29	ANGEL Lopez Ruano	10.03.81
53	ANGEL SANCHEZ Acosta	30.07.77
7	Jose ELOY Jimenez Moreno	14.06.71
10	Thordur GUDJONSSON (Ice)	14.10.73
11	OKTAY Dereliogiu (Tur)	17.12.75
9	ORLANDO Suarez Azofra	21.11.72
19	Souleymane OULARE (Gui)	16.10.72
16	PABLO Ballesteros LAGO	31.08.74
59	Marcos SEQUEIROS Estevez	12.12.73

COACH

Sergio KRESIC

MALAGA

GOALKEEPERS

31	Juan Jesus CALATAYUD Sanchez	21.12.79
13	Pedro CONTRERAS Gonzalez	07.01.72
1	Rafael Gonzalez Robles, RAFA	25.10.70

DEFENDERS

3	Francisco Javier Lopez BRAVO	06.04.74
19	FERNANDO SANZ Duran	01.01.74
6	Raul IZNATA Zabala	21.09.77
26	Jose Miguel Gonzalez Rey, JOSEMI	15.11.79
21	Domingo LARRAINZAR Santamaria	08.09.69
29	Andres PATO Bernal	06.04.74
4	Martin RIVAS (Uru)	10.02.77
2	Roberto ROJAS Gonzalez	17.11.74
5	Mikel ROTETA Lopetegi	16.01.70
12	Vicente VALCARCE Cano	19.10.74

MIDFIELDERS

16	Joaquin AGOSTINHO da S. Ribeiro (Por)	15.10.75
22	Gonzalo DE LOS SANTOS (Uru)	16.10.68
27	Juan Jesus Gutierrez Robles, JUANITO	17.02.80
7	Jose Maria MOVILLA Cubero	08.02.78
11	Kiki MUSAMPA (Hol)	20.07.77
17	Awulu QUAYE (Gha)	24.09.80
8	Francisco Manuel RUANO Bausan	16.07.74
18	Francisco Joaquin RUFETE	20.11.76
23	Carlos Alejandro Sierra Fumero, SANDRO	14.10.74
20	Ariel Silvio ZARATE Riga (Arg)	13.07.73

FORWARDS

10	Sebastian Fernandez Reyes, BASTI	21.06.74
24	Manuel CANABAL	10.11.74
9	DARIO Debray SILVA Pereira (Uru)	02.11.72
25	Julio Cesar DELY VALDES (Pan)	12.03.67
14	EDGAR Patricio Carvalho Pacheco (Por)	07.08.77
15	ISMAEL Marchal Razuin	21.03.75
28	Juan Manuel Gomez Sanchez, JUANMA	29.05.81

COACH

Joaquin PEIRO

MALLORCA

GOALKEEPERS

25	Leonardo Noeren Franco, LEO FRANCO (Arg)	20.05.77
13	Miguel Garro Gomila, MIKI	20.12.75
1	Carlos ROA (Arg)	15.08.69

DEFENDERS

2	ARMANDO Alvarez Alvarez (Fra)	18.07.70
7	Lluis CARRERAS Ferrer	24.09.72
30	Jorge CORDERO Sanchez	04.06.77
3	MIQUEL SOLER Sarasols	13.03.65
20	Miguel Angel NADAL	28.07.66
5	Fernando NINO Bejereno	16.09.74
14	Xabier OLAIZOLA Rodriguez	28.11.69
6	Gustavo Leonel SIVIERO (Arg)	13.09.69

MIDFIELDERS

33	Ardijan DJOKAJ (Yug)	23.05.79
23	Vicente ENGONGA Mate	20.10.65
17	FINIDI George (Nig)	15.04.71
10	Ariel Miguel IBAGAZA (Arg)	27.10.76
18	MARCOS Martin de la Fuente	17.09.68
28	Alvaro NOVO Ramirez	16.05.78
15	PACO SOLER Atencia	05.03.70
26	Julian ROBLES Garcia	23.03.81
29	Antonio Ruiz Fernandez, ROMERITO	20.02.77
11	Jovan STANKOVIC (Yug)	04.03.71

FORWARDS

22	Leonardo Angel BIAGINI (Arg)	13.04.77
8	CARLOS Dominguez Dominguez	18.09.76
9	Samuel ETO'O Fils (Cam)	10.03.81
27	Daniel Gonzalez GUIZA	17.08.82
21	Jose Miguel Perez Ruiz, JOSEMI	28.01.76
19	Alberto LUQUE Martos	11.03.78

COACH

Luis ARAGONES

NUMANCIA

GOALKEEPERS

1	Adrian Alvaro NUNEZ (Uru)	11.05.73
13	OSCAR ROJAS Osuna	07.06.76
25	RAUL Rodriguez Serrano	29.11.73

DEFENDERS

23	Francisco Javier Montoya Gomez, CURRO MONTOYA	13.02.77
12	CULEBRAS Daniel Marcelo Mayo Capasso, DANI MAYO	28.11.72
6	GUSTAVO de la Parra Navarro	19.12.75
4	Diego JAUME Favaro (Uru)	09.10.73
16	Jose MANEL Menendez Herminia	07.01.71
36	Damian Marcelo MANUSOVICH (Arg)	30.01.73
5	Juan Ramon Lopez MUNIZ	02.11.68
3	Miguel Angel SORIA Lopez	26.03.74

MIDFIELDERS

22	Alejandro 'CACO' MORAN Santamaria	30.04.73
15	Rafael CLAVERO	21.06.77
7	Jose Ignacio Hurtado Lopez, INAKI	26.02.72
18	JOSE MANUEL Colmenaro Crespo	29.11.73
17	Claudio Javier MARINI	15.05.72
2	Txomin NAGORE Arbizu	26.08.74
11	OCTAVIO Vinals Gonzalez	19.09.70
20	Jose Rojo Martin, PACHETA	23.03.68
19	David Almazan PIRRI	12.02.74
10	Laurentiu ROSU (Rom)	26.10.75
8	Vicente Blasco Sanchez, TITO	15.07.71

FORWARDS

21	Constantin BARBU (Rom)	16.05.71
14	Jorge Luis Delgado Rueda, CHISPA DELGADO (Uru)	12.02.74
24	Pedro Rafael OJEDA Bustos (Arg)	15.11.72
9	RUBEN NAVARRO Mendez	06.06.78

COACH

Francisco HERRERA Lorenzo

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OSASUNA

GOALKEEPERS

25	NUNO Herlander Simoes Espirito Santo (Por)	25.01.74
1	Ricardo SANZOL Gofi	08.04.76

DEFENDERS

16	AITOR Fresan Oroz	18.03.76
5	AITOR OCIO Carrion	28.11.76
7	Cesar CRUCHAGA Lasa	26.01.74
3	IBAN PEREZ Pascual	19.10.74
12	Jose Manuel Lopez Echevarria, JOSEMA	16.01.69
17	Francisco Javier JUSUE Garces	30.11.79
4	Jose Manuel MATEO Azcona	23.01.75
13	Hristo VIDAKOVIC (Yug)	05.01.69
2	Jose Manuel YANGUAS	20.06.72

MIDFIELDERS

22	Alejandro Fernandez Sanchez, ALEX FERNANDEZ	14.02.74
19	ALFONSO Vera Quintero	24.11.73
6	ALFREDO Sanchez Benito	03.12.72
15	ANGEL Rodriguez Nebrada	02.01.72
10	ANGEL LUIS Camacho	21.09.73
14	Oscar ARPON Ochoa	09.04.75
24	Angel LEKUMBERRI Garcia	21.01.70
23	MOHA (Mor)	12.09.71
8	Cesar PALACIOS Chocarro	19.10.74
21	Leonardo Ribeiro SENA (Bra)	08.06.76
16	Sergei SHUSTIKOV (Rus)	30.09.70

FORWARDS

11	Mariano Andres ARMENTANO (Arg)	12.07.74
20	IVAN ROSADO Mojarro	23.04.74
18	SABINO Sanchez Parra	14.12.78
17	Miroslaw TRZECIAK (Pol)	11.04.68
9	Jose Angel ZIGANDA Lacunza	01.10.66

COACH

Miguel Angel LOTINA

OVIEDO

GOALKEEPERS

27	Pedro Jose DORRONSORO Gonzalez	12.05.77
1	ESTEBAN Andres Suarez	27.06.75
25	Juan Carlos UNZUE Labiano	22.04.67

DEFENDERS

6	Sergio BORIS Gonzalez Monteagudo	26.05.80
13	Frederic DANJOU (Fra)	28.09.74
34	Heliodoro Alvarez Barrera, HELIO	31.03.79
23	IVAN RODRIGUEZ	15.04.78
20	Idrissa KEITA (IvC)	10.04.77
14	Milan MARTINOVIC (Yug)	06.08.79
24	Joyce Renato MORENO (Pan)	29.11.74
7	Victor ONOPKO (Rus)	11.10.69
17	OSCAR ALVAREZ Sanjuan	09.06.77
26	PABLO SUAREZ Alvaro	31.03.79
3	Frank RABARIVONY (Fra)	15.11.70
36	Jose Jorge SAAVEDRA Munoz	16.02.78

MIDFIELDERS

16	Daniel AMIEVA Villa	24.03.76
5	Ricardo Gonzalez BANGO	18.09.68
18	Gert CLAESSENS (Blg)	21.02.72
61	Xabier ESKURZA Garcia	17.01.70
30	Eugenio Suarez Santos, GENI	04.04.80
19	IVAN ANIA Cadavieco	24.10.77
15	JAIME Fernandez Jordan	02.02.77
4	Albert NADJ (Yug)	29.10.74
29	OLIVER Abad Chico	26.02.79
8	Djordje TOMIC (Yug)	11.11.72

FORWARDS

26	FABIO PINTO (Bra)	09.10.80
12	JUAN Antonio GONZALEZ (Uru)	27.05.72
11	Roberto LOSADA Rodriguez	25.10.76
22	Peter MOLLER (Den)	23.03.72
9	OLI	02.04.72
21	RUBEN Sanchez del Rio	18.11.75

COACH

Radomir ANTIC

RACING SANTANDER

GOALKEEPERS

32	BORJA	
1	Jose Maria CEBALLOS Vega	07.09.69
30	Daniel Roiz Mugica, DANI ROIZ	24.06.80
13	Erwin LEMMENS (Blg)	12.05.75

DEFENDERS

4	Claudio David ARZENO (Arg)	16.10.70
5	Olof MELLBERG (Swe)	03.09.77
	Jose Moraton Taeno, MORA	14.07.79
26	MORATON	
20	Borja Enrique Allesa, NERU	20.01.74
29	PABLO CASAR Bustillo	17.09.78
2	Javier PINEDA Cabo	26.11.73
22	Jose Manuel Suarez Rivas, SIETES	18.02.74
24	Washington TAIS (Uru)	21.12.72
15	Jose Maria Alonso Fernandez TXEMA	29.04.71

MIDFIELDERS

21	Jose Emilio AMAVISCA Garate	19.06.71
8	David BILLABONA Etxaleku	05.12.69
18	Gonzalo COLSA Ruiz	11.05.77
32	Daniel Cobo Rasines, DANI COBO	07.06.77
3	Marcelo Fabian ESPINA (Arg)	28.04.67
6	ISMAEL Ruiz Salmon	02.07.77
23	JAIME	20.03.73
16	JULIO ALVAREZ	01.05.81
7	Javier MANJARIN Perez	31.12.69
14	Fernando MORAN Escudero	24.07.76
27	Mehdi NAFTI	28.11.78
33	RUBEN Sanchez Revuelta	10.05.81
10	Angel Manuel VIVAR DORADO	12.02.74

FORWARDS

11	Vladimir BESCHASTNYKH (Rus)	01.04.74
19	Maximiliano 'Chanchi' ESTEVEZ (Arg)	02.06.77
28	Ignacio Rodriguez Ortiz, NACHO	06.11.82
17	Leider Calimenio PRECIADO (Col)	26.02.77
9	Sigurd RUSHFELDT (Nor)	11.12.72

COACH

RAYO VALLECANO

GOALKEEPERS

1	Kasey KELLER (USA)	19.11.69
13	Julen LOPETEGUI Argote	20.08.66
25	Sergio SEGURA Alvaro	01.02.78

DEFENDERS

6	Angel ALCAZAR Egana	16.04.67
18	Sergio Martinez BALLESTEROS	04.09.75
12	David CLOTET Roca	01.12.72
2	Jesus Diego COTA	28.07.67
4	Ramon DE QUINTANA Dalmau	06.02.72
15	Francisco FERREIRA Colmenero	22.05.67
19	MAURO Garcia Juncal	21.05.71
3	Carles Domingo Pladevall, MINGO	10.06.77
5	URBANO Santos Palicio	05.02.75

MIDFIELDERS

24	HELDER Manuel Elias Domingos (Por)	18.02.72
7	IVAN IGLESIAS Corteguera	16.12.71
14	LUIS CEMBRANOS Martinez	06.06.72
8	Miguel Angel Sanchez, MICHEL I	30.10.75
22	PABLO SANZ Iniesta	30.08.73
20	Gerhard POSCHNER (Ger)	23.09.69
9	Jose Maria QUEVEDO Garcia	01.09.69
23	Josep SETVALLS Morera	20.08.74

FORWARDS

10	Gustavo Javier BARTELT (Arg)	02.09.74
11	Elvir BOLIC (Bos)	10.10.71
21	Jon Andoni Perez Alonso, BOLO	05.03.74
27	DANI BOUZAS Pan	21.11.74
16	GLAUCIO de Jesus Carvalho (Bra)	11.11.75

COACH

Juande RAMOS

REAL MADRID

GOALKEEPERS

25	Iker CASILLAS Fernandez	20.05.81
13	CESAR Sanchez Dominguez	02.09.71
1	Bodo ILLGNER (Ger)	07.04.67

DEFENDERS

4	Fernando Ruiz HIERRO	23.03.68
12	IVAN CAMPO Ramos	21.02.74
18	Aitor KARANKA De la Hoz	18.09.73
2	MICHEL SALGADO Fernandez	22.10.75
3	ROBERTO CARLOS da Silva (Bra)	10.04.73
5	Manuel SANCHIS Hontiyuelo	23.05.65

MIDFIELDERS

22	ALVARO Benito Villar	10.12.76
20	Albert CELADES Lopez	29.09.75
16	FLAVIO CONCEICAO (Bra)	12.06.74
15	GEREMI Njitap (Cam)	20.12.78
14	Jose Maria Gutierrez Hernandez, GUTI	31.10.76
6	IVAN HELGUERA Bujia	28.03.75
24	Claude MAKELELE (Fra)	18.02.73
8	Steve McMANAMAN (Eng)	11.02.72
26	Alberto Pizarro RIVERA	16.02.78
11	SAVIO Bortolini Pimentel (Bra)	09.01.74
21	Santiago Hernan SOLARI (Arg)	07.10.76

FORWARDS

10	Luis Filipe Madeiria Caeiro, FIGO (Por)	04.11.72
9	Fernando MORIENTES Sanchez	05.04.76
17	Pedro MUNITIS Alvarez	19.06.75
7	RAUL Gonzalez Blanco	27.06.77
19	Jorge Lopez Marco, TOTE	23.11.78

COACH

Vicente DEL BOSQUE

REAL SOCIEDAD

GOALKEEPERS

1	ALBERTO Lopez Fernandez	20.05.69
13	Mattias ASPER (Swe)	20.03.74
25	IKER ALVAREZ Braceras	11.05.77

DEFENDERS

12	Mikel ANTIA Mandiaraz	13.02.73
3	Agustin ARANZABAL Alkorta	15.03.73
4	Sergio CORINO Ramon	10.10.74
2	Miguel Angel FUENTES Azpiroz	06.08.64
23	Zuhaitz GURRUTXAGA Loiola	23.11.80
14	Aitor LOPEZ REKARTE	18.08.75
5	Lorenzo Juarros Garcia, LOREN	07.10.66
6	Jose Antonio PIKABEA Larrarte	26.09.70

MIDFIELDERS

11	Mikel ARANBURU Eizagirre	18.02.79
20	Stephane COLLET (Fra)	13.06.72
10	Francisco Javier DE PEDRO Falque	04.08.73
26	Igor del Campo GABILONDO	10.02.79
8	Jose Felix GUERRERO Lopez	23.08.75
18	Inigo IDIAKEZ Barkaiztegi	08.11.73
24	Igor JAUREGUI Iraola	29.04.74
19	Dmitri KHOKHLOV (Rus)	22.12.75
21	Frederic PEIREMANS (Blg)	03.09.73
15	TAYFUN Korkut (Tur)	02.04.74

FORWARDS

7	ARIF Erdem (Tur)	02.01.71
9	Oscar DE PAULA Gamero	31.05.75
22	Edgaras JANKAUSKAS (Lit)	12.03.75
27	SERGIO FRANCISCO Ramos	08.11.75
17	Ruben VEGA Fuertes	24.07.77

COACH

Periko ALONSO

VALENCIA

GOALKEEPERS

13	Jorge BARTUAL Molina	18.08.71
1	Jose Santiago CANIZARES Ruiz	18.02.69
29	JONATHAN Lopez Lopez	16.04.81
25	Andres PALOP Cervera	22.10.73

DEFENDERS

16	Roberto AMARILLA Nescano (Par)	27.07.81
20	Jocelyn ANGLOMA (Fra)	07.08.65
12	Roberto AYALA (Arg)	12.04.73
3	Joachim BJORKLUND (Swe)	15.02.71
15	Amadeo CARBONI (Ita)	06.04.65
5	Miroslav DJUKIC (Yug)	19.02.66
24	GERARDO Garcia Leon	07.12.74
2	Mauricio PELLEGRINO (Arg)	05.10.71

MIDFIELDERS

23	David ALBELDA Aliques	01.09.77
10	Miguel Angel ANGULO Valderrey	23.06.77
19	Ruben BARAJA Vegas	11.07.75
4	Didier DESCHAMPS (Fra)	15.09.68
18	Cristian Alberto 'KILY' GONZALEZ (Arg)	04.08.74
6	Gaizka MENDIETA Zabala	27.03.74
21	Luis MILLA Aspas	12.03.66
22	Libero PARRI Romero	18.01.82
14	VICENTE Rodriguez Guillen	16.07.81
8	Zlatko ZAHOVIC (Sln)	01.02.71

FORWARDS

7	John CAREW (Nor)	05.09.79
9	DIEGO ALONSO (Uru)	16.04.75
11	Adrian ILIE (Rom)	20.04.74
17	Juan Gines SANCHEZ Moreno	15.05.72

COACH

Hector CUPER (Arg)

VALLADOLID

GOALKEEPERS

25	Albano Benjamin BIZARRI (Arg)	09.11.77
13	JON ANDER Lopez Maueira	06.09.76
33	JULIO Jose IGLESIAS Rauget	26.09.72
1	RICARDO Lopez Felipe	31.12.71

DEFENDERS

28	BARAJA	
5	Jose Antonio GARCIA CALVO	01.04.75
2	Gabriel Ivan HEINZE (Arg)	19.03.78
3	Alberto MARCOS Rey	15.02.74
29	MATIAS	
17	Jose Manuel PENA (Bol)	17.01.73
6	Jose Luis SANTAMARIA Buitrago	14.01.73
8	Javier TORRES GOMEZ	09.01.70

MIDFIELDERS

15	ANTONIO LOPEZ Alvarez	13.10.79
21	Jose Luis Perez CAMINERO	08.11.67
14	Jose Manuel Jimenez Sancho, CHEMA	09.05.76
7	Dragan CIRIC (Yug)	15.09.74
10	EUSEBIO Sacristan Mena	13.04.64
24	FERNANDO Miguel Fernandez Escribento	02.06.79
22	FERNANDO SALES De los Cobos	12.09.77
26	JAVI JIMENEZ Pozo	30.04.76
16	JESUS Sanchez Japon	26.11.74
20	John Harold LOZANO Prado (Col)	30.03.73
12	Luis MARQUEZ Martin	01.11.71
30	PABLO Lopez Hernandez	13.10.80
4	Pablo Javier RICCHETTI	02.01.77
18	Jesus Angel TURIEL de la Cruz	06.10.73

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11	Cuauhtemoc BLANCO Bravo (Mex)	17.01.73
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9	Ivan KAVIEDES (Ecu)	24.10.77
23	Valentin Sergio PACHON Mosquero	05.02.77
31	RUBEN PEREZ Minguez	24.02.80
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26	Jose Manuel ROCA Cases	28.02.76
13	Jesus UNANUA Becerril	23.06.69

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14	Jesus GALVAN Carrillo	04.10.74
16	Enrique Alvarez Sanjuan, QUIQUE ALVAREZ	20.07.75
5	QUIQUE MEDINA Ortega	14.09.74
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15	Igor TASEVSKI (Yug)	25.07.72
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19	Walter Nicolas GAITAN	13.03.77
6	Francisco Javier GRACIA Carlos	01.05.70
12	JAIME Ramos Hernandez	09.01.73
18	JORGE LOPEZ Montana	19.09.78
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8	Gheorghe CRAIOVEANU (Rom)	14.02.68
7	Gerard ESCODA Nogues	26.05.72
11	Bruno MARIONI	15.06.75
9	MOISES Garcia Leon	10.07.71
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13	Cesar LAINEZ Sanjuan	10.04.77
30	RUBEN Falcon Minguez	08.10.77

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26	ALVARO	18.04.79
4	Luis Carlos CUARTERO Laforga	17.08.75
5	Marco LANNA (Ita)	13.07.68
16	PABLO Javier Diaz Stalla (Arg)	05.08.71
23	Francisco Jemez Martin, PACO	18.04.70
12	Cesar Miguel REBOSIO Compans (Per)	20.10.76
22	Gary SUNDGREN (Swe)	25.10.67

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32	Jose Antonio Dorado Ramirez, CHECHU DORADO	10.07.82
18	Jordi FERRON Forne	15.08.78
10	Ander GARITANO Ukizu	26.02.69
31	David GENERELO Miranda	11.08.82
14	JOSE IGNACIO Saenz Martin	28.09.73
24	MARCOS VALES Illanes	05.04.75
19	Daniel MONTENEGRO (Arg)	28.03.79
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12 Lee Young-pyo
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16 Kim Sang-sik
17 Choi Sung-yong
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12 Surachai Jaturapattarapong
13 Kiatisuk Senamuang
14 Worrawoot Srimaka
15 Witthaya Nabthong
16 Surachai Jirasirachote
17 Dusit Chalermsan
18 Phansa Meesattham
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RESULTS

INTERNATIONALS

Friday, October 6

Oct 6 - Skopje - WC qual
Macedonia 3 (Hristov 35, 42, Bekiri 75)
Azerbaijan 0
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 4,000. **Ref:** Fisker (Den)
Macedonia: Filevski - Lazarevski, Stavrevski, Sedlovski, Nikolovski (Gerasimovski 20), Serafimovski, Shainovski, Micevski, Hristov, Shakiri, Bekiri (Miserdovski 80).
Azerbaijan: Kramarenko - Agayev, Yadullayev, Akahmedov, E Guliyev, S Guliyev, Gurbanov, Tagizade, Musayev, Vasilyev, Assadov.

Saturday, October 7

Oct 7 - Dubai - Dubai Four-Team tnmt
South Korea 4 (Sim Jae-won 42, Noh Jung-yoon 49, Seol Ki-hyeon 65, Lee Dong-gook pen 90)
Australia 2 (Agostino 36, 39)
HT: 1-2. **Att:** 12,000

Oct 7 - Dubai - Dubai Four-Team tnmt
United Arab Emirates 1 (Kazim Ali 88)
Kuwait 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 12,000

Oct 7 - Andorra La Vella - WC qual
Andorra 1 (Ruiz pen 90)
Estonia 2 (Reim 54, Oper 65)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 800. **Ref:** Koren (Isr)
Andorra: Koldo - Ramirez, Garcia, Jonas, Toni Lima, Ildefons Lima, Gonzalez, Sonejee (Lucendo 60), Juli Sanchez, Jimenez (Soria 83), Ruiz. *Sent off: Toni Lima 90min.*
Estonia: Poom - Lemsalu, Stepanovs, Allas, Rooba, Viikmae (Haavistu 80), Terekhov, Oper, Kristal (Anniste 58), Reim, Zelinski (Ustritski 46).

Oct 7 - Yerevan - WC qual
Armenia 2 (Artur Petrosyan 17, 44)
Ukraine 3 (Shevchenko 45, 59, Husin 55)
HT: 2-1. **Att:** 14,000. **Ref:** Larssen (Den)
Armenia: Berezovski - Sukiasyan, Khodjoyan (Armin Karamyan 63), Hovsepyan, Vardanyan, Khachataryan, Artur Petrosyan, Voskanyan, Dokhoyan, Shakhgeldyan (Akopyan 77), Movsesyan (Artam Karamyan 63).
Ukraine: Shovkovskyi - Luzhnyi, Nesmachny, Holovko, Vaschuk, Dmytrulin, Shevchenko, Husin, Vorobei (Mikhailenko 67), Timoshchyuk (Yashkin 46), Rebrov.

Oct 7 - Sofia - WC qual
Bulgaria 3 (Georgi Ivanov 39, 65, Todorov 90)
Malta 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 4,000. **Ref:** Kalidja (Bos)
Bulgaria: Zdravkov - Markov, Pazin, Svetoslav Petrov, Hristov, Stoyanov (Milen Petkov 59), Georgi Ivanov (Todorov 88), Balakov, Ilian Iliev (Ivailo Petkov 70), Peev, Martin Petrov.
Malta: Barry - Carrabott, Chetcuti, Said, Debono, Dimech (J Holland 67), Busuttil (Mallia 60), Giglio, Nwoko, Brincat (Agius 75), Zahra.

Oct 7 - Ougadougou - AfNC qual
Burkina Faso 1 (Sanou 52)
Burundi 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 20,000

Oct 7 - Bogota - WC qual
Colombia 0
Paraguay 2 (Santa Cruz 4, Chilavert 90)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 46,000
Colombia: O Cordoba - I Cordoba, Yepes, Mazziri (Grisales 46), Martinez, Dinas, Bolano, Oviedo (Morantes 59), Aristizabal, Bonilla (Castro 67). *Sent off: I Cordoba 30min.*
Paraguay: Chilavert - Arce, Sarabia, Ayala, Da Silva, Struway, Quintana (Alvarengo 66), Paredes, Acuna, Santa Cruz (Yegros 66; Esteche 90), Cardozo.

Oct 7 - Nicosia - WC qual
Cyprus 0
Holland 4 (Seedorf 69, 78, Overmars 81, Kluivert 90)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 12,000. **Ref:** Cesari (Cyp)
Cyprus: Panayiotou - Theodotou, C Charalambous, Demetris Ioannou, Marios Charalambous (Poyadjis 62), Pounas (Dziouref 80), Melanarkitis, Spoljaric, Ioakim, Malekkos (Okkas 77), Agathocleous.
Holland: Van der Sar - Bosvelt (Van Bommel 75), Reiziger, F De Boer, Van Bronckhorst, Cocu, Talan (Seedorf 58), Davids, Kluivert, R De Boer (Bouma 80), Overmars.

Oct 7 - Teplice - WC qual
Czech Republic 4 (Koller 17, 41, Nedved 44, 90)
Iceland 0
HT: 3-0. **Att:** 9,843. **Ref:** Vassaros (Gre)
Czech Rep: Srnicek - Repka, Rada, Nedved, Fukal, Horvath (Rosicky 79), Tyce, Poborsky (Latal 68), Koller (Lokvenc 75), Sionko, Bejbl.
Iceland: Birkir Kristinsson - Audun Helgason, Hreidarsson, Marteinsson (Tryggvi Godmundsson 46), Kolvidsson, Runar Kristinsson (Arnar Gretarsson 85), Sigurdur Jonsson, Eviolfur Sverrisson, Eidur Gudjohnsen, Heidar Helguson, Rikhardur Dadason (Thordur Gudjonsson 46).

Oct 7 - Wembley - WC qual
England 0
Germany 1 (Hamann 14)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 76,377. **Ref:** Braschi (Ita)
England: Seaman - Gary Neville (Dyer 46), Keown, Adams, Le Saux (Barry 77) , Beckham (Parlour 83), Southgate, Scholes, Barmby, A Cole, Owen.
Germany: Kahn - Linke, Nowotny, Rehmer, Ballack, Hamann, Ramelow, Deisler, Scholl, Bierhoff, Bode (Ziege 87).

Oct 7 - Athens - WC qual
Greece 1 (Limberopoulos 59)
Finland 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 14,800
Greece: Nikopolidis - Grigoris Georgatos (Venetidis 72), Patsatzoglou, Amanatidis, Ouzounidis, Karagounis (Lakis 76), Zagorakis, Basinas, Liberopoulos, Georgiadis, Choutos (Antzas 83).
Finland: Niemi - Reini, Helin, Hyypia, Tihinen, Nurmela, Jarkko (Kottila 81), Valakari, Johansson (Kuqi 64), Litmanen, Kolkka (Forssell 46).

Oct 7 - Milan - WC qual
Italy 3 (F Inzaghi 13, Delvecchio 17, Totti 42)
Romania 0
HT: 3-0. **Att:** 54,297. **Ref:** Wegereef (Hol)
Italy: Toldo - Cannavaro, Nesta, Maldini, Di Livio, Albertini, Fiore (Pancaro 55), Coco, Totti, F Inzaghi (Del Piero 81), Delvecchio (Gattuso 71).
Romania: Stelea - Petrescu (Contra 46), Belodedici, Filipescu, Chivu, Rosu , Galca, Lupescu, D Munteanu (C Munteanu 62), Moldovan (Mutu 58), Ganea.

Oct 7 - Riga - WC qual
Latvia 0
Belgium 4 (Wilmots 5, Peeters 13, Cavens 82, Verheyen 90)
HT: 0-2. **Att:** 9,000. **Ref:** Irvine (NI)
Latvia: Kolinko - Stepanovs, Astafjevs, Laizans, Lobanovs (Zemlinskis 75), Blagonadezdins (Polakovs 63), Ivanovs, Bleidelis, Pahars, Rubins, Stolcers (Pelcis 68).
Belgium: De Vlieger - Deflandre, Valgaeren, Van Meir, Van Kerckhoven, Vanderhaeghe, Wilmots (Goossens 88), Goor, Peeters (Cavens 80), Walem (Boffin 85), Verheyen.

Oct 7 - Vaduz - WC qual
Liechtenstein 0
Austria 1 (Flogel 20)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 3,500
Liechtenstein: Jehle - Martin Stocklasa, Hanselmann, Hefti, Ospelt, Daniel Hasler, Telser, Michael Stocklasa (Nigg 74), Gigon, T Beck, M Frick.
Austria: Wohlfahrt - Hiden, Baur, Stranzl, Schopp (Hortnagl 67), Kuhbauer, Herzog, Flogel, Kirchler, Brunmayr (Kitzbichler 46), Mayrleb.

Oct 7 - Vilnius - WC qual
Lithuania 0
Georgia 4 (Ketsbaia, 18, 33, Kinkladze 46, A Arveladze 84)
HT: 0-2. **Att:** 5,000. **Ref:** Wojcik (Pol)
Lithuania: Padimanskas - Skerla, Gleveckas, Graziunas (Maciulevicius 39), Zutautas, Buitkus, Semberas, Ivanauskas (Morinas 46), Fomenka (Zvingilas 55), Danilevicius, Jankauskas.
Georgia: Gvaramadze - Silagadze, Kobiashvili, Rekhviashvili, Khizanishvili, Kaladze, Nemsadze, Kavelashvili, Ketsbaia (Menteshahsvili 67), Kinkladze (Dzhamarauli 70), Demetradze (A Arveladze 56).

Oct 7 - Luxembourg - WC qual
Luxembourg 1 (Strasser 46)
Slovenia 2 (Zahovic 39, Milinovic 41)
HT: 0-2. **Att:** 1,788. **Ref:** Benes (Cze)
Luxembourg: Besic - Vanek, Schauls, Funck, Strasser (Posing 88), Saibene, Peters, Holtz, Schneider, Cardoni (Zaritski 80), Huss (Braun 75).
Slovenia: Dabanovic - Milinovic, Vugdalic, Karic, Knavs, Novak, Ceh, Siljak (Udovic 80), Zahovic, Pavlin (Pavlovic 66), Acimovic.

Oct 7 - Antananarivo - AfNC qual
Madagascar 0
Nigeria 0
Att: 7,000

Oct 7 - Chisinau - WC qual
Moldova 0
Slovakia 1 (Nemeth 79)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 5,000. **Ref:** Stuchlik (Aut)
Moldova: Dinov - Covalenko, Catinsus, Testemistanu, Rebeja, Stroenko, Curtianu, Siskin (Rogaciov 60), Sosnovsky (Epureanu 82), Gaidamasciuc (Stratulat 72), Clescenco.
Slovakia: Konig - Dzurik, Sobona, Suchancok, Karhan, Demo (P Nemeth 74), Valachovic, Leitner, Pinte, S Nemeth (Prohaszka 88), Moravcik (Meszaros 53).

Oct 7 - Belfast - WC qual
Northern Ireland 1 (Healy 38)
Denmark 1 (Rommedahl 59)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 11,823. **Ref:** Melo Pereira (Por)
N Ireland: Carroll - Jeff Whitley (Mulryne 72), A Hughes, Taggart, Murdock, Lomas, Lennon, Magilton, Healy, Horlock, Elliott (P Gray 84).
Denmark: Schmeichel - Rommedahl, Henriksen, Gravesen, Heintze, Helveg, Steen Nielsen, Gronkjaer (Bisgaard 65), Tomasson, Totting, Sand (C Jensen 82).

Oct 7 - Lodz - WC qual
Poland 3 (Kaluzny 24, 62, 73)
Belarus 1 (Ridnyuk 37)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 7,000. **Ref:** Frisk (Swe)
Poland: Dudek - Klos, Zielinski, Michal Zewlakow, Waldoch, Krzynowek, Swierczewski, Karwan (Iwan 81), Juskowiak (Kryszalowicz 46), Kaluzny, Olisadebe.
Belarus: Varivonchik - Yakhimovich, Ostrovsky, Lukhvich, Shtaniuk, Gurienko, Baranov (Lavrik 74), Bialkevich, Romashchenko, Vasiliuk (Ridnyuk 30), Skribchenko (Orlovsky 68).

Oct 7 - Lisbon - WC qual
Portugal 1 (Sergio Conceicao 57)
Rep Ireland 1 (Holland 72)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 65,000. **Ref:** Ouzounov (Bul)
Portugal: Quim - Sergio Conceicao, Dimas (Capucho 88), Fernando Couto, Jorge Costa, Beto, Vidigal, Rui Costa, Figo, Joao Pinto (Simao 77), Sa Pinto (Pauleta 77).
Rep Ireland: Kelly - Carr, Breen, Dunne, Harte, McAteer (Duff 69), Roy Keane, Kinsella, Kilbane, Quinn (Holland 46), Robbie Keane (Finnan 84).

Oct 7 - Serravalle - WC qual
San Marino 0
Scotland 2 (Elliott 71, Hutchison 73)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 4,377. **Ref:** Orrason (Ice)
San Marino: F Gasperoni - Gennari, Marani, Gatti, Matteoni (Valentini 65), Bacciocche, Zonzoni (Della Valle 80), Manzaroli, Montagna (De Luigi 59), R Muccioli, B Gasperoni.
Scotland: Sullivan - McNamara, Elliott, Hendry, Dailly (Weir 35), Naysmith, Gallacher (Dickov 65), Cameron, Hutchison, McCann (Johnston 46), Dodds.

Oct 7 - Johannesburg - friendly
South Africa 0
France 0
Att: 45,000
South Africa: Vonk - Fish, Carnell, Schoeman, Issa, Fortune, Mngomeni, Ngobe, Buckley (Zuma 50), Bartlett, McCarthy (Sapula 76).
France: Rame - Thuram (Giuly 32), Leboeuf (Christanval 60), Desailly, Karembeu, Djetou (Petit 75), Vieira, Makalele, Wiltord (Henry 46), Anelka (Trezeguet 66), Robert.

Oct 7 - Madrid - WC qual
Spain 2 (Gerard 22, Hierro 53)
Israel 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 80,000. **Ref:** Colombo (Fra)
Spain: Casillas - Hierro, Manuel Pablo, Abelardo, Sergi, Ivan Helguera, Gerard (Baraja 31), Mendieta, Munitis, Raul (Guerrero 85), Urzaiz (Catanha 75).
Israel: Davidovitch - Alfon, Talker, Shelach, Benado, Keisi, Tal, Nimni (Benayoun 65), Badir (Berkovic 75), Revivo, A Mizrahi.

Oct 7 - Gothenburg - WC qual
Sweden 1 (Larsson 68)
Turkey 1 (Tayfur pen 90)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 42,152. **Ref:** Krug (Ger)
Sweden: Hedman - Roland Nilsson, P Andersson, Bjorklund, Alexandersson (Corneliusson 55), Mattias Jonsson (Anders Svensson 63), Mjallby, Ljungberg, Mild, K Andersson, Larsson (Osmanovski 90).
Turkey: Rustu Nihat, Ogun Temizkanoglu, Fatih Akyel, Bulent Korkmaz, Arif, Ergun (Abdullah 80), Suat (Tayfur 64), Hakan Sukur, Izzet (Hasan Gokhan 75), Hakan Unsal.

Oct 7 - Zurich - WC qual
Switzerland 5 (Zwyssig 26, Fournier 35, Turkyilmaz pen 43, pen 45, pen 53)
Faroe Islands 1 (John Petersen 4)
HT: 4-1. **Att:** 9,500. **Ref:** Kapitanis (Cyp)
Switzerland: Zuberbuhler - Lubamba (Wicky 66), Henchoz, Zwyssig, Fournier, Sesa, Vogel (Celestini 66), Sforza, Comisetti, Chapuisat, Turkyilmaz (Cantaluppi 76).
Faroe Islands: Mikkelsen - Oli Johannesen, Allan Morkore, Hans Frodi Hansen, Jens Kristian Hansen, Johan Byriel Hansen, Samal Joensen (Johannes Joensen 63), John Petersen (Rogvi Jacobsen 63), Julian Johnsson, Ossur Hansen, Uni Arge.

Oct 7 - Tunis - AfNC qual
Tunisia 4 (Jaziri 3, Jaidi 42, Gabsi 58, Thabet 75)
Gabon 2 (Cedic 15, Etienne 25)
HT: 2-2. **Att:** 4,000

Oct 7 - Cardiff - WC qual
Wales 1 (Blake 60)
Norway 1 (Helstad 80)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 51,500. **Ref:** Strampe (Ger)
Wales: P Jones - Delaney, Melville, Page, Coleman, J Robinson, Savage, Speed, Giggs, Hartson (Roberts 86), N Blake.
Norway: Olsen - Basma, R Johnsen, Berg, Bjornebye, Iversen (T A Flo 59), Mykland (Helstad 78), Bakke, Leonhardsen, Strand, Solskjaer.

Sunday, October 8

Oct 8 - Buenos Aires - WC qual
Argentina 2 (Gallardo 28, Batistuta 42)
Uruguay 1 (Magallanes 48)
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 60,000
Argentina: Burgos - Vivas, Ayala, Samuel, Sorin, Simeone, Husain, Gallardo (Delgado 80), Kily Gonzalez, Claudio Lopez (Gustavo Lopez 73), Batistuta.
Uruguay: Carini - Garcia, Tais, Lembo, Rodriguez, Sorondo, Cedres (Regueiro 65), Olivera, Guigou, Recoba (Abreu 70), Magallanes (Alonso 87).

Oct 8 - Bridgetown - WC qual
Barbados 1 (Riley 24)
Guatemala 3 (Garcia 3, Ruiz 10, Acevedo 84)
HT: 1-2. **Att:** 3,800

Oct 8 - La Paz - WC qual
Bolivia 1 (Suarez 4)
Peru 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 25,000
Bolivia: Soria - Ribeiro, Oscar Sanchez, Pena, J C Garcia, Colque, Calustro, Ronald Garcia, Vaca (Gutierrez 66), Paz (Moreno 46), Suarez (Galindo 80).
Peru: Ibanez - Zeballos, Rebosio, Pajuelo, Soria, Jayo, Solano (Carmona 46), Bernales, Palacios, Pizarro (Lobaton 57), Zuniga (Alba 57).

Oct 8 - Quito - WC qual
Ecuador 1 (Delgado 76)
Chile 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 45,000
Ecuador: Cevallos - De la Cruz, Espinoza, Ivan Hurtado, Guerron. Obregon, Tenorio (Fernandez 63), Aguinaga, Chala (Sanchez 59), Kaviedes (Ordonez 76), Delgado.
Chile: Tapia - Alvarez, Contreras, Vargas, Olarra, Pizarro (Valencia 85), Maldonado, Tello, Estay (Rozental 78), Navia (Nunez 46), Zamorano.

Oct 8 - Accra - AfNC qual
Ghana 4 (Appiah 28, Duah 42, Amoah 48, Akonnor pen 78)
Zimbabwe 1 (Mwarawan 47)
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 50,000

Oct 8 - Tegucigalpa - WC qual
Honduras 1 (Turcios 45)
Jamaica 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 35,000
Honduras: Valladares - Guerrero, Medina (Turcios 19), Caballero, Clavasquin, Reyes, Pineda (Martinez 18), Guevara, De Leon (Santamaria 77), Nunez, Pavon.
Jamaica: Ricket - Marshal, Goodison, Thomas, Dixon, Malcom, Withmore, Davis, Williams, Boyd (Harris), Lowe.

Oct 8 - Curepipe - AfNC qual
Mauritius 1 (Ithier 47)
Congo 2 (Guie-Mien 26, 29)
HT: 0-2. **Att:** 1,200

Oct 8 - Mexico City - WC qual
Mexico 7 (C Blanco 20, pen 28, Borguetti 26, 30, 71, Davino 66, V Ruiz pen 75)
Trinidad & Tobago 0
HT: 4-0. **Att:** 50,000
Mexico: Campos - Suarez (Almaguer 65), Davino, O Blanco, Pardo, V Ruiz, Villa, M A Ruiz, C Blanco (Coyote 77), Borguetti, Zepeda (Abundis 70).
Trinidad & Tobago: Ince - Andrews, Saunders, Dennin, Lawrence, David (Carrington 46), Mason, Eve, Elcock, Nixon (Dwarika 46), Pierre. *Sent off: Elcock 72min.*

Oct 8 - Kingstown - WC qual
St Vincent & The Grenadines 1 (James 79)
El Salvador 2 (Sagastizaga 60, Cubias 89)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 1,500
St Vincent: Andrews - Huggins, Walker, Charles, Baptiste (Harry), John, Davis (Frederick), Gonsalves, James, Guy, Nero.
El Salvador: Osario - Sagastizaga, Velasquez, Cubias, Cabrera, Gonzalez (Mauricio), Umanzor, Galan (Alvarez), Rodriguez, Lopez (Barrientos), Rivera.

Oct 8 - Lome - AfNC qual
Togo 3 (Salou pen 29, Noutsoudjin 49, Cougbadja-Toure 73)
Uganda 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 30,000

Oct 8 - Maracaibo - WC qual
Venezuela 0
Brazil 6 (Euller 21, Juninho Paulista 29, Romario 31, 36, pen 39, 64)
HT: 0-5. **Att:** 20,000
Venezuela: G Angelucci - Jose Gonzalez, Martinez, Rey, Alvarado, Farias, De Ornelas, Jimenez, Echenausi (Arango 46), Moran (Paz 66), Garcia (Savarese 77).
Brazil: Rogerio Ceni - Cafu, Antonio Carlos, Cleber, Silvinho, Donizete, Vampeta, Juninho (Ze Roberto 66), Juninho Paulista (Ricardinho 81), Euller (Marques 70), Romario.

Tuesday, October 10

Oct 10 - Kinshasa - AfNC qual
DR Congo 1 (Nvula 57)
Lesotho 1 (Mpakanyane 65)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 50,000

Wednesday, October 11

Oct 11 - Tirana - WC qual
Albania 2 (Bushi 50, Fakaj 90)
Greece 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 11,000
Albania: Strakosha - Muka, Cipi, Xhumba (Fakaj 75), Rudi Vata, Fatmir Vata (Basha 78), Skela, Kola, Haxhi, Bushi, Tare (Bogdani 86).
Greece: Nikopolidis - Bassinas, Venetidis (Kyparissis), Patsatzoglou, Ouzunidis, Zagorakis (Lakis 70), Georgiadis, Karagounis, Choutos, Lymperopoulos, Zikos (Poorsanidis 70).

Oct 11 - Vienna - WC qual
Austria 1 (Baur 21)
Spain 1 (Baraja 27)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 48,000. **Ref:** Ivanov (Rus)
Austria: Wohlfahrt - Hatz, Baur, Hiden, Stranzl (Hoertnagl 46), Flogel, Cerny, Kuhbauer (Schopp 75), Mayrleb, Herzog, Kocijan (Kirchler 54).
Spain: Casillas - Luis Enrique, Sergi, Baraja, Aberlardo, Hierro, Ivan Helguera, Mendieta, Urzaiz (Catanha 60), Raul (Guerrero 88), Victor Sanchez (Rufete 46).

Oct 11 - Baku - WC qual
Azerbaijan 0
Turkey 1 (Hakan Sukur 72)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 40,000. **Ref:** Snoddy (NI)
Azerbaijan: Kramarenko - Agayev, Yadullayev, Akhamedov, Lychkin (Mamedov 85), Shamal Guliyev, Gurbanov, Tagizade (Dambarov 72), Musayev (Charimov 58), Vasilyev, Emin Guliyev.
Turkey: Rustu - Nihat (Fatih Akyel 46), Ogun Temizkanoglu, Bulent Korkmaz, Alpay, Arif (Tayfur), Ergun, Suat Kaya, Hakan Sukur, Izzet (Hasan Sas 62), Hakan Unsal.

Oct 11 - Minsk - WC qual
Belarus 2 (Khatskevich 23, Ryndyuk 34)
Armenia 1 (Khodjoyan 50)
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 20,000. **Ref:** Corpodean (Rom)
Belarus: Tumilovich - Yakhimovich, Ostrovsky, Lukhvich, Lavrik, Gurenko, Khatskevich, Belkevich, Romashchenko (Skripchenko 89), Vasilyuk (Shumeiko 60), Ryndyuk.
Armenia: Abramyan - Sukiasyan, Khodjoyan (Karamyan 61), Ovsepyan, Vardanyan, Khachatryan, Artur Petrosyan (Karamyan 85), Voskanyan, Dokhoyan, Shakhgeldyan, Movsesyan.

Oct 11 - Zagreb - WC qual
Croatia 1 (Boksic 16)
Scotland 1 (Gallacher 24)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 30,000. **Ref:** Veissiere (Fra)
Croatia: Pavlovic - Robert Kovac, Jarni (Zivkovic 46), Soldo (Biscan 46), Stimac, Simic, Saric, Prosinecki, Balaban, Niko Kovac, Boksic (Vugrinec 76).
Scotland: Sullivan - Weir, Naysmith, Elliott, Hendry, Boyd, Johnston (Dickov 46; Holt 90), Burley, Gallacher, Hutchison, Cameron.

Oct 11 - Copenhagen - WC qual
Denmark 1 (Sand 73)
Bulgaria 1 (Berbatov 82)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 39,847. **Ref:** Oguz Sarvan (Tur)
Denmark: Schmeichel - Heintze, Gravesen, Henriksen, Helveg, Gronkjaer (Michaelsen 55), Tofting, Steen Nielsen (Jensen 46), Tomasson (A Nielsen 79), Rommedahl, Sand.
Bulgaria: Zdravkov - Biser Ivanov, Kirilov, Kishishev, Hristov (Peev 68), Milen Petkov (S Todorov 77), Georgi Ivanov (Berbatov 64), Balakov, Pazin, Stilian Petrov, Martin Petrov.

Oct 11 - Helsinki - WC qual
Finland 0
England 0
Att: 36,210. **Ref:** Sars (Fra)
Finland: Niemi - Helin (Reini 36), Saarinen (Salli 66), Hyypia, Tihinen, Nurmela, Wiss, Valakari, Forssell (Kuqi 76), Litmanen, Johansson.
England: Seaman - Phil Neville, Barry (Brown 69), Wise, Southgate, Keown, Parlour, Scholes, Cole, Sheringham (McManaman 69), Heskey.

Oct 11 - Rotterdam - WC qual
Holland 0
Portugal 2 (Sergio Conceicao 11, Pauleta 44)
HT: 0-2. **Att:** 48,000
Holland: Van der Sar - Melchiot, F De Boer, Cocu, Reiziger, Van Bommel (Bosvelt 72), Overmars (Talan 46), Davids, Kluivert (Vennegoor of Hesselink 65), Seedorf, Bouma.
Portugal: Quim - Jorge Costa, Dimas, Secretario, Fernando Couto, Vidigal (Fernando Meira 90), Figo, Bino, Pauleta (Simao 90), Rui Costa (Sa Pinto 87), Sergio Conceicao.

Oct 11 - Reykjavik - WC qual
Iceland 1 (T Gudjonsson 89)
Northern Ireland 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 5,500. **Ref:** Merk (Ger)
Iceland: Birkir Kristinsson - Audun Helguson, Hreidarsson, Vidarsson, Brunjar Bjorn Gunnarsson, Runar Kristiansson (Arnar Gretarsson 46), Heidar Helguson, Eyjolfyr Sverrisson, Eidur Smari Gudjohnsen, T Gudjonsson, Rikhardur Dadason.
N Ireland: Carroll - Lomas, A Hughes, Taggart (Williams), Murdock, Lennon, Damian Johnson, Magilton, Healy, Horlock, Stuart Elliott (P Gray 82).

Oct 11 - Tel Aviv - WC qual
Israel 3 (Berkovic 12, Abuksis 62, Katan 76)
Bosnia 1 (Akrapovic 48)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 30,000. **Ref:** Jol (Hol)
Israel: Davidovitch - Benado, Talker, Shelach, Gershon, Keisi (Ben-Dayan 86), Tal, Revivo, Abuksis, Berkovic (Benayoun 60), Mizrahi (Katan 73).
Bosnia: Guso - Akrapovic, Music, Hujdurovic (Krupinac 79), Varesanovic, Hibic, Bolic, Demirovich (Juldic 73), Barbarez, Salihamidzic, Baljic. *Sent off: Salihamidzic 89min.*

Oct 11 - Ancona - WC qual
Italy 2 (Del Piero pen 47, pen 88)
Georgia 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 26,000. **Ref:** K E Nilsson (Swe)
Italy: Toldo - Cannavaro, Nesta, Bertotto, Di Livio, Albertini, Fiore (Pancaro 76), Coco, Totti (Montella 83), Delvecchio (Gattuso 52), Del Piero.
Georgia: Gvaramadze - Silagadze, Kobiashvili, Rekhviashvili, Khizanishvili, Kaladze, Nemsadze, Kavelashvili, Ketsbaia (Menteshashvili 68), Kinkladze (Jamarauli 61), A Arveladze (Demetradze 61).

Oct 11 - Vilnius - WC qual
Lithuania 1 (Buitkus 71)
Hungary 6 (Illes 24, Feher 36, 62, 72, Horvath 66, Lisztes pen 84)
HT: 0-2. **Att:** 2,000. **Ref:** Erbenier Orhan (Tur)
Lithuania: Padimanskas Skerla, Gleveckas, Radzius, Koncelskis (Grazlunas 69), Buitkus, Semberas, Ivanauskas, Preiksaitis, Morinas (Danilevicius 83), Jankauskas. *Sent off: Radzius 59min.*
Hungary: Kiraly - Korsos (Bodnar 84), Feher (Juhar 78), Matyus (Dombi 73), Sebok, Peto, Feher, Lisztes, Horvath, Illes, Hamar.

Oct 11 - Valletta - WC qual
Malta 0
Czech Republic 0
Att: 4,000
Malta: Muscat - Said, Chechuti, Spiteri, Darren Debono, Giglio (Turner), Carmel Busuttil, Agius (Camilleri), Nwoko, Joe Brincat, Zahra.
Czech Rep: Srnicek - Repka, Rada, Nedved, Fukal (Latal), Horvath (Vicek), Tyce, Poborsky, Koller, Sionko (Lokvenc), Bejbl. *Sent off: Repka 50min.*

Oct 11 - Chisinau - WC qual
Moldova 0
Macedonia 0
Att: 4,000. **Ref:** Dauden Ibanez (Spa)
Moldova: Khmaruk - Stratulat, Catinsus, Testemistanu, Rebeja (Epureanu 46), Stroenko, Curtianu (Borets 65), Siskin (Rogaciov 56), Sosnovsky, Gaidamasciuc, Clescenco.
Macedonia: Filevski - Stavrevski, Lazarevski, Sedlovski, Gerasimovski, Serafimovski (Veselinovski 70), Shainovski (Karanfilovski), Micevski, Hristov, Ciric (Miserdovski 85), Shakiri.

Oct 11 - Oslo - WC qual
Norway 0
Ukraine 1 (Shevchenko 49)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 23,612. **Ref:** Meier (Swi)
Norway: Olsen - Basma, Johnsen, Berg, Bergdolmo, Iversen, Mykland, Bakke (Helstad 75), Leonhardsen (T A Flo 54), Strand, Solskjaer.
Ukraine: Shovkovskyi - Luzhnyi (Fedorov 80), Nesmachny, Holovko, Vaschuk, Dmytrulin, Shevchenko, Husin, Vorobei, Popov (Yashkin 50), Rebrov.

Oct 11 - Warsaw - WC qual
Poland 0
Wales 0
Att: 8,000. **Ref:** Batista (Por)
Poland: Dudek - Klos, Zielinski, Marcin Zewlakow, Waldoch, Krzynowek (Rzasa 70), Swierczewski, Karwan, Juskowiak (Olisadebe 75), Kaluzny, Gilewicz (Kryszalowicz 56).
Wales: P Jones - Delaney, Page, Melville, Coleman, Savage, Robinson, Hartson (M Jones 76), Blake, Speed, Giggs.

Oct 11 - Dublin - WC qual
Rep Ireland 2 (Kinsella 25, Dunne 50)
Estonia 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 34,962. **Ref:** Hauge (Nor)
Rep Ireland: Kelly - Carr, Harte, Dunne, Breen, Roy Keane, McAteer (Duff 46), Kinsella, Quinn, Robbie Keane (Foley 88), Kilbane (Finnan 88).
Estonia: Poom - Lemsalu, Stepanov, Allas, Saviauk, Vilkmae (Haavistu 68), Terehhov, Oper, Aivar, Reim, Zelinksi (Ustritski 68).

Oct 11 - Moscow - WC qual
Russia 3 (Buznikin 19, Khokhlov 57, Titov 90)
Luxembourg 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 12,000. **Ref:** Ferry (NI)
Russia: Nigmatullin - Khlestov, Khokhlov, Smertin, Tetradze, Buznikin, Onopko, Karpin, Titov, Mostovoi, Beschastnykh.
Luxembourg: Gillet - Funck (Ferron 86), Schauls, Vanek, Strasser, Saibene, Peters, Holtz, Schneider (Posing 77), Cardoni, Huss (Zaritsky 61).

Oct 11 - Bratislava - WC qual
Slovakia 0
Sweden 0
Att: 11,227. **Ref:** Dallas (Sco)
Slovakia: Konig - Dzurik, Sobona, Timko, Karhan, Suchankok, Balis, Leitner, Meszaros (Prohaszka 86), Nemeth, Moravcik (Gresko 58).
Sweden: Hedman - Roland Nilsson, Patrik Andersson, Bjorklund, Mellberg, Mjallby, Svensson (Osmanovski 70), Jonsson (Mild 47), Ljungberg, Larsson, Kennet Andersson (Daniel Andersson 82).

Oct 11 - Ljubljana - WC qual
Slovenia 2 (Siljak 44, Acimovic 78)
Switzerland 2 (Turkyilmaz 20, 66)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 7,000. **Ref:** Durkin (Eng)
Slovenia: Dabanovic - Milinovic, Vugdalic, Knavs, Novak, Ceh, Pavlin (Acimovic 69), Karic, Udovic (Tavcar 46), Zahovic, Siljak (Osterc 59). *Sent off: Karic 38min.*
Switzerland: Zuberbuhler - Zellweger, Mazzarelli, Zwyssig, Fournier (Magnin 64; Muller 72), Wicky (Cantaluppi 46), Comisetti, Vogel, Chapuisat, Sforza, Turkyilmaz.

Oct 11 - Columbus - WC qual
United States 0
Costa Rica 0
Att: 24,430. **Ref:** Ramdham (T&T)
USA: Keller - Llamosa, Berhalter, Agoos, Sanneh (Olsen 79), Armas, Kirovski (Wolff), Jones (Albright 68), Deering, Razov, Moore.
Costa Rica: Mesen - Madrigal, Berry, Parks, Gerald Drummond, Fonseca (Solis 71), Soto (Sunsing 81), Centeno, Cordero, Wanchope, Medford (Bryce 88).

Thursday, October 12

Oct 12 - Tripoli - Asian Cup
Iraq 2 (Qahtan Drain 27, Haidar Mahmoud Majid 58)
Thailand 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 2,000
Iraq: Hashim Khamis Hassan - Haidar Mahmoud Majid, Abdul Jabar Hanon, Ziyad Tareq Brisam, Adnan Mohammad Hassb (Abbas Zayer 56), Abdul Wahab Abul Hail (Essam Salem 88), Hussam Fawzi Naji, Ahmed Jasim, Abbas Obeid Jassim, Sabah Khalaf, Qahtan Drain.
Thailand: Wirat Wangchang - Thanongsak Pajakkata, Choketawee Promrut, Chukiat Noosalung, Therdsak Chaiman (Thawatchai Damrong-Ongtrakul 70), Surachai Jaturapattarapong, Worrawoot Srimaka, Surachai Jirasirichote, Dusit Chalermsan, Sutee Suksomkit, Tananchai Boriban.

Oct 12 - Beirut - Asian Cup
Lebanon 0
Iran 4 (Karim Bagheri 18, Hamidreza Estili 75, 87, Ali Daei 90)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 55,000
Lebanon: Ahmed Sakr - Youssef Mohamad, Jadir Morgentern, Jamal Taha, Gilberto dos Santos, Marcelio Silva, Luis Fernandes (Haitham Zein 60), Mohamad Al-Reda, Reda Antar (Moussa Hjeij 65), Faisal Antar, Newton de Olivier (Wartan Ghazarian 81).
Iran: Parvis Borromand Sharif - Mehdi Mahdavikia (Hamidreza Estili 70), Karim Bagheri, Alireza Emamifar, Satar Hamedani, Hamed Karianpour, Mohammadreza Mahdavi (Sohrab Bakhtiarizadeh 85), Behrouz Rahbarifard, Mehrdad Minavand Chal, Mohammad Ali Karimi Pashaki (Khodad Azizi 53), Ali Daei.

Friday, October 13

Oct 13 - Tripoli - Asian Cup
Kuwait 0
Indonesia 0
Att: 2,000
Kuwait: Falah Majidi - Osama Abdullah, Jamal Abdul-Rahman, Nohayr Al-Shammari, Husain Khodhari (Esam Al-Kandari 6), Bader Al- Halabeej, Saleh Al-Azemi, Bashar Abdullah (Faraj Saeid 73), Abdullah Saihan (Khalaf Al-Mutairi 59), Ahmad Mutairi, Jasem Al- Huwdi.
Indonesia: Hendro Kartiko - Aji Santosa, Ismed Sofyan, Eko Purdjianto, Matheus Setanurdiyantara (Jaris Riyadi 65), Usten Nawawi (Imran Nahumarury 52), Kurniawan Dwi Yulianto, Edward Ivac Dalam (I Putu Gede Swi Santoso 25), Djet Donald Laala, Nur Alim, Rochy Melkiano Edfen Putiray.

Oct 13 - Tripoli - Asian Cup
South Korea 2 (Lee Young-pyo 29, Noh Jung-yooh 57)
China 2 (Ma Mingyu 35, Fan Zhiyi pen 65)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 1,000

South Korea: Kim Yong-Dae - Hong Myung-Bo, Park Jae-Hong, Sim Jae-Won, Park Jin-Sub, Yoo Sang-Chul (Park Ji-Sung 61), Noh Jung- Yoon (Choi Chul-Woo 76), Lee Dong-Gook, Lee Young-Pyo, Kim Sang-Sik, Seol Ki-Hyeon. Red Card: Hong Myung-bo 64.
China: Jiang Jin, Zhang Enhua, Wu Chengying, Fan Zhiyi, Li Ming, Su Maozhen, Shen Si, Yang Chen (Qu Shengoing 68), Li Tie, Ma Mingyu, Chen Gang (Xu Yunlong 84).

Saturday, October 14

Oct 14 - Sidon - Asian Cup
Qatar 1 (Mohamed Al-Baloosh 60)
Uzbekistan 1 (Kasimov Mirdjalal 73)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 5,000
Qatar: Amer Al-Kaabi - Nasser Al-Obaidly, Dahi Saad Al-Naemi, Saad Al-Shammari, Mohamed Salem Al-Enazi (Waleed Rasoul 72), Fahad Al-Kuwari (Meshal Mubarak Budawood 58), Yousuf Mahmoud, Mohamed Al-Blooshi, Jassim Al-Tamimi, Yaser Al-Qusi (Abdulla Al-Ishaq 70), Abdul Rahman Mohd.
Uzbekistan: Bugalo Pavel - Ashurmatov bakhtiyor, Fyodorov Andrey, Kasimov Mirdjalal, Shamuradov Atabek (Kutibayev Nagmetulla 70), Shirshov Nikolay, Shatskikh Maksim, Fayziev Davranjon, Lebedev Sergey, Durmanov Rustam (Andrey Akopyants 75), Rakhmonqulov Shukhratjon.

Oct 14 - Sidon - Asian Cup
Japan 4 (Yanagisawa 22, Takahara 37, Nanami 53, Ono 88)
Saudi Arabia 1 (Morioka og 90)
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 5,000
Japan: Kawaguchi - Matsuda, Morioka, Mattori, Mochizuki, Nanami (Atsuhiro Miura 81), Morishima (Ono 81), Yanagisawa, Nakamura, Inamoto, Takahara (Nishizawa 67).
Saudi Arabia: Mohammed Al-Deayea - Mohammed Al-Jahani (Ahmed Al-Dosari 63), Mohammed Al-Khiliawi, Abdullah Zubromawi, Fariq Omar, Omar Ghamdi, Mohammed Howusawi, Sami Jaber (Abdullah Al-Shahrani 83), Nawaf Temyat (Abdulah Al-Dossary 63), Hamzah Falatah, Talal Meshal.

Sunday, October 15

Oct 15 - Beirut - Asian Cup
Lebanon 2 (Abbas Chahrour 28, Mousa Hjeij 77)
Iraq 2 (Sabah Khalaf 4, 22)
HT: 1-2. **Att:** 15,000
Lebanon: Ahmed Sakr - Jadir Morgentern, Ahmed Naamani, Jamal Taha, Abbas Chahrour (Youssef Mohamad 89), Haitham Zein (Gilberto Dos Santos 54), Moussa Hjeij, Newton de Olivier, Faisal Antar, Mohamad Halawi, Mohamad Al-Reda (Roda Antar 47).
Iraq: Hashim Khamis Hassan - Haidar Mahmoud Majid, Abdul Jabar Hanon (Sadik Redha 70), Ziyad Tareq Brisam (Ahmad Jasim 55), Adnan Mohammad Hassb, Abbas Obeid Jassim, Sabah Khalaf, Qahtan Drain, Haydar Jassim, Ahmad Assad (Maher Rhadi 61), Abdul Wahab Abul Hail.

Oct 15 - Beirut - Asian Cup
Iran 1 (Ali Daei 73)
Thailand 1 (Sakesan Pituratana 12)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 10,000
Iran: Parvis Borromand Sharif - Mehdi Mahdavikia (Yahid Hashemian 57), Karim Bagheri, Hamed Karianpour, Satar Hamedani, Mohammadreza Mahdavi, Behrouz Rahbarifard, Mehrdad Minavand Chal (Mohammad Ali Karimi 62), Hamidreza Estili (Alireza Emamifar 39), Ali Daei, Khodad Azizi.
Thailand: Phansa Meesattham - Thanongsak Pajakkata, Niweat Siriwong, Choketawee Promrut, Anuruck Spikerd, Surachai Jaturapattarapong (Thawatchai Daamrong-Ongtrakul 58), Surachai Jirasirichote (Tananchai Boriban 68), Dusit Chalermsan, Sutee Suksomkit, Sakesan Pituratana (Therdsak Chaiman 89), Tawan Sripan.

Monday, October 16

Oct 16 - Tripoli - Asian Cup
Kuwait 1 (Jasem Al-Huwdi 42)
South Korea 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 5,000
Kuwait: Falah Majidi - Osama Abdullah, Jamal Abdul-Rahman, Ali Asei, Nohayr Al-Shammari, Bader Al-Halabeej (Abdullah Saihan 63), Saleh Al-Azemi, Bashar Abdullah, Ahmad Mutairi, Naser Al-Othman (Esam Al-Kandari 78), Jasem Al-Huwdi (Faraj Saeid 71).
South Korea: Lee Woon-jae - Kang Chul, Park Jin-jub (Ha Seok-ju 45), Yoo Sang-chul, Seol Ki-hyeon, Noh Jung-yoon (Yoon Jong-hwan 67), Lee Dong-gook, Lee Young-pyo, Kim Sang-sik, Park Jae-hong, Sim Jae-won.

Oct 16 - Tripoli - Asian Cup
China 4 (Li Ming 1, Shen Si pen 7, Yan Chen 15, Qi Hong 89)
Indonesia 0
HT: 3-0. **Att:** 2,000
China: Jiang Jin - Zhang Enhua (Fan Zhiyi 33), Wu Chengying, Li Ming, Li Tie, Ma Mingyu, Su Maozhen (Qu Shengqing 77), Li Weifeng, Shen Si, Yang Chen (Qi Hong 81), Xu Yunlong.
Indonesia: Hendro Kartiko - Aji Santosa (I Putu Gede Santoso 46), Ismed Sofyan, Eko Purdjianto, Matheus Setanurdiyantara, Kurniawan Dwi Yulianto, Bima Sakti, Djet Donald Laala (Selamet Riadi 20), Imran Nahumarury, Nur Alim, Rochy Melkiano Edfen Putiray (Bambang Pamungkas 69).

Tuesday, October 17

Oct 17 - Sidon - Asian Cup
Saudi Arabia 0
Qatar 0
Att: 5,000
Qatar: Amer Al-Kaabi (Hussain Al-Romaihi 72) - Saoud Al-Kathiri, Nasser Al-Obaidly, Dahi Saad Al-Naemi, Saad Al-Shammari, Fahad Al-Kuwari (Mohamed Salem Al-Enazi 58), Yousuf Mahmoud, Mohamed Al-Blooshi (Meshal Mubarak Budawood 61), Jassim Al-Tamimi, Yaser Al-Qusi, Abdul Rahman Mohd.
Saudi Arabia: Mohammed Al-Deayea - Mohammed Al-Jahani (Khalid Ahmad 85), Abdullah Zubromawi, Fariq Omar, Mohammed Howusawi, Sami Jaber, Obeid Al-Dossary (Mohammad Shalhoub 57), Saleh Al-Saqri, Marzouk Al-Otaibi (Hamzah Falatah 67), Nawaf Temyat, Talal Meshal.

Oct 17 - Sidon - Asian Cup
Japan 8 (Morishima 7, Nishizawa 14, 24, 49, Takahara 17, 20, 57, Kitajima 78)
Uzbekistan 1 (Lushan Sergey 28)
HT: 5-1. **Att:** 2,000
Japan: Kawaguchi - Morioka, Mattori, Nishizawa, Nanami, Morishima (Ono 53), Nakamura, Inamoto, Nakazawa, Myojin, Takahara (Kitajima 69).
Uzbekistan: Pavel Bugalo - Ashurmatov Bakhtiyor, Andrey Fyodorov, Kasimov, Lushan, Shirshov, Kurbanov, Shatskikh, Tairov (Shamuradov 61), Davletov (Lebedev 24), Khvostunov.

Wednesday, October 18

Oct 18 - Beirut - Asian Cup
Lebanon 1 (Luis Fernandes 82)
Thailand 1 (Sakesan Pituratana 57)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 45,000
Lebanon: Ali Fakih - Jadir Morgentern, Ahmad Naamani, Jamal Taha (Reda Antar 63), Abbas Chanrour, Fouad Hijazi, Moussa Hjeij, Newton de Olivier (Wartan Ghazarian 53), Gilberto dos Santos (Haitham Zein 53), Luis Fernandes, Mohamad Halawi.
Thailand: Kittisak Rawangpa - Niweat Siriwong, Choketawee Promrut, Anuruck Srikerd, Chukiat Noosalung, Tawan Sripan, Surachai Jaturapattarapong (Thawatchai Damrong-Ongtrakul 63), Surachai Jirasirichote (Tananchai Boriban 63), Dusit Chalermsan, Sakesan Pituratana, Sutee Suksomkit.

Oct 18 - Sidon - Asian Cup
Iraq 0
Iran 1 (Ali Daei 77)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 3,000
Iraq: Amer Abdulwahab - Haidar Mahmoud Majid, Abdul Jabar Hanon, Hamza Hadi (Essam Salem 53), Adnan Mohammad Hassbi (Abbas Rahim 79), Abbas Obeid Jassim, Sabah Khalaf (Ahmad Hussein 55), Qahtan Drain, Haydar Obeid, Ahmad Kadhum, Abdul Wahab Abul Hail.
Iran: Parvis Borromand Sharif - Sohrab Bakhtiarizadeh, Karim Bagheri, Hamed Karianpour, Satar Hamedani, Ali Daei, Khodad Azizi (Mehdi Mahdavikia 81), Alireza Emamifar (Mohammad Navazi 46), Daryoush Yazdani (Ali Karimi 68), Mehrdad Minavand Chal, Mohammadreza Mahdavi.

Thursday, October 19

Oct 19 - Tripoli - Asian Cup
South Korea 3 (Lee Dong-Gook 30, 75, 89)
Indonesia 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 500
South Korea: Lee Woon-Jae - Kang Chul, Kim Tae-Young, Seol Ki-Hyeon, Noh Jung-Hoon (Yoo Sang-Chul 57), Lee Dong-Gook, Lee Young-Pyo, Kim Sang-Sik (Yoon Jong-Hwan 46), Choi Sung-Yong (Lee Min-Sung 74), Hong Myung-Bo, Park Ji-Sung.
Indonesia: Komang Putra Adnyana - Ismed Sofyan, Sugiyantoro, Eko Purdjianto, Matheus Setanurdiyantara (Imran Nahumarury 79), Uston Nawawi, Kurniawan Dwi Yulianto, Bima Sakti, Edward Ivak Dalam (Rochi Putiray 46), I Putu Gede Santoso (Nur'alim), Selamet Riadi.

Oct 19 - Tripoli - Asian Cup
China 0
Kuwait 0
Att: 5,000
China: Jiang Jin - Wu Chengying, Li Ming, Ma Mingyu, Xie Hui (Qu Shengqing 66), Chen Gang (Xu Yang 46), Li Weifeng, Shen Si (Shao Jiay 46), Qi Hong, Yang Chen, Xu Yunlong.
Kuwait: Falah Majidi - Osama Abdullah, Jamal Abdul-Rahman, Ali Asei, Nohayr Al-Shammari, Bader Al-Halabeej (Amhed Musaa 60), Saleh Al-Azemi, Bashar Abdullah, Ahmad Mutairi, Naser Al-Othman (Abdullah Wabran 86), Jasem Al-Huwdi (Faraj Laheeb 75).

Friday, October 20

Oct 20 - Sidon - Asian Cup
Japan 1 (Akinori 60)
Qatar 1 (Abdul-Nasser Al-Obaidaly 22)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 2,000
Japan: Takakuwa - Morioka, Mochizuki, Nanami, Atsuhiro Miura, Oku, Kubo, Nakazawa, Kaimoto, Kitajima (Nishizawa 46), Ono. *Sent off: Kaimoto 15min.*
Qatar: Hussain Al-Romaihi - Saoud Al-Kathiri, Abdul-Nasser Al- Obaidly, Saad Al-Shammari, Abdul-Aziz Hassan, Yousuf Mahmoud, Mohamed Al-Blooshi (Abdullah Al-Ishaq 62), Jassim Al-Tamimi, Yaser Al-Qusi, Abdul Rahman Mahmoud, Meshal Mubarak Budawood.

Oct 20 - Sidon - Asian Cup
Saudi Arabia 5 (Marzouk Al-Otaibi 18, Mohammad Shalhoub 35, 78, 86, Nawaf Temyat 88)
Uzbekistan 0
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 2,000
Saudi Arabia: Mohammed Al-Deayea - Mohammed Al-Khilaiwi, Abdullah Zubromawi (Ahmed Khalil 83), Mohammed Howusawi, Sami Jaber (Omar Al-Ghamdi 46), Khalid Ahmad, Saleh Al-Saqri, Marzouk Al-Otaibi (Hamzah Falatah 77), Nawaf Temyat, Mohammad Shalhoub, Talal Meshal.
Uzbekistan: Bugalo, Kasimov (Nagmetulla 82), Lushan, Shamuradov (Ashurmatov 46), Shirshov, Shatskikh, Akopyants, Fayziev, Lebedev, Khvostunov, Durmanov (Isakov 46).

Monday, October 23

Oct 23 - Sidon - Asian Cup quarter-final
China 3 (Li Ming 9, Qi Hong 38, Yan Chen 54)
Qatar 1 (Mohammed Al-Enazi 65)
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 3,000
China: Jiang Jin - Wu Chengying, Fan Zhiyi, Li Ming, Li Tie (Ma Mingyu 65), Su Maozhen, Chen Gang, Li Weifeng, Shen Si (Li Xiaopeng 76), Qi Hong, Yang Chen.
Qatar: Hussain Al-Romaihi - Saoud Al-Kathiri, Nasser Al-Obaidly, Saad Al-Shammari, Mohamed Salem Al-Enazi, Yousuf Mahmoud, Mohamed Al-Blooshi (Adel Jadoua 67), Jassim Al-Tamimi, Yaser Al-Qusi, Abdul Rahman Mohd (Fahad Al-Kuwari 59), Meshal Mubarak Budawood.

Oct 23 - Sidon - Asian Cup quarter-final
Iran 1 (Karim Bagheri 71)
South Korea 2 (Kim Sang-sik 90, Lee Dong-gook 99 - golden goal)
HT: 0-0. **90min:** 1-1. **Att:** 5,000
Iran: Parvis Boroumand - Mehdi Mahdavikia (Ali Karimi 89), Sohrab Bakhtiarizadeh, Karim Bageri, Hamed Kavianpour, Hamidreza Estili (Daryoush Yazdani 83), Ali Daei, Alireza Emamifar, Behrouz Rahbarifard, Mehrdad Minavand, Mohammadreza Mahdavi.
South Korea: Lee Woon-jae - Kang Chul (Lee Dong-Gook 75), Kim Tae-young, Yoon Jong-hwan, Seol Ki-hyeon, Lee Young-pyo, Kim Sang-sik, Hong Myung-bo, Park Ji-sung (Ha Seok-ju 70), Choi Chil-woo (Noh Jung-yoon 46), Sim Jae-won.

Tuesday, October 24

Oct 24 - Beirut - Asian Cup quarter-final
Saudi Arabia 3 (Talal Al-Meshal 72, Nawaf Al-Temyat 46, 108 - golden goal)
Kuwait 2 (Bashar Abdullah 61, Jassem Al-Houwaidi 67)
HT: 0-0. **90min:** 2-2. **Att:** 5,000
Saudi Arabia: Mohammed Al-Deayea - Mohammed Al-Khilaiwi, Omar Al-Ghamdi (Abdullah Jumaan 98), Mohammed Howusawi, Sami Jaber, Khalid Ahmad, Saleh Al-Saqri, Marzouk Al-Otaibi (Talal Al-Meshal 57), Nawaf Temyat, Mohammad Shalhoub (Abdullah Al-Wakad 78), Ahmed Khalil.
Kuwait: Falah Majidi - Osama Abdullah, Jamal Abdul-Rahman, Ali Asei, Nohayr Al-Shammari, Saleh Al-Azemi, Bashar Abdullah, Naser Alsohi (Bader Haji 80), Ahmad Mutairi, Esam Al-Kandari, Faraj Laheeb (Jassem Al-Houwaidi 64).

Oct 24 - Beirut - Asian Cup quarter-final
Japan 4 (Nanami 8, 9, Takahara 11, Myojin 62)
Iraq 1 (Abbas Obeid Jassim 4)
HT: 3-1. **Att:** 2,000
Japan: Kawaguchi - Morioka, Mattori, Nishizawa, Nanami, Morishima (Daisuke 71), Nakamura (Ono 80), Inamoto (Shigeyoshi 67), Nakazawa, Myojin, Takahara.
Iraq: Hashem Khamis - Haidar Mahmoud Majid, Abdul Jabar Hashim, Hamza Hadi, Ziyad Tariq (Hisham Mohammed 58), Adnan Mohammad Hassbi, Abbas Obeid Jassim, Qahtan Drain, Haydar Obeid (Ahmad Abdul Jabar 15), Ahmad Kadhum, Abdul Wahab Abul Hail.

Wednesday, October 25

Oct 25 - Los Angeles - friendly
United States 2 (Donovan 50, Wolff 79)
Mexico 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 61,072
USA: Meola - Vanney, Agoos, Llamosa, Zavagnin, Williams (Vagenas 86), Henderson (Donovan 32, Convey 90), Klein, Mathis. Wolff (Victorine 89), Albright (Franchino 77).
Mexico: Martinez - Almaguer, Blanco, Davino, Pardo (A Rodriguez 46), Morales (J P Rodriguez 58), Villa, Victor Ruiz (Adame 74), Osorno (Luis Gonzalez 69), Olalde, Borgetti (Victorino 46).

Oct 25 - Nairobi, Kenya - Four-Team tnmt
Ghana 1 (Abdul Issa Rahman 50)
Uganda 2 (Mubiru 27, Obwin pen 82)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 5,000

Oct 25 - Nairobi, Kenya - Four-Team tnmt
Kenya 2 (Muiruri 9, Omondi pen 39)
Tanzania 0
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 5,000

Thursday, October 26

Oct 26 - Beirut - Asian Cup semi-final
Japan 3 (Fan Zhiyi og 21, Akinori Nishizuki 53, 61)
China 2 (Qi Hong 30, Yang Chen 48)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 5,000
Japan: Kawaguchi - Naoki, Morioka, Mattori, Akinori Nishizawa (Atsushi Yanagisawa 87), Nanami, Morishima, Nakamura, Inamoto, Myojin, Takahara.
China: Jiang Jin - Wu Chengying, Fan Zhiyi, Li Ming (Qu Shengqing 76), Li Tie, Su Maozhen (Xie Hui 82), Chen Gang, Li Weifeng, Shen Si, Qi Hong, Yang Chen.

Oct 26 - Beirut - Asian Cup semi-final
Saudi Arabia 2 (Talal Al-Meshal 76, 80)
South Korea 1 (Lee Dong-gook 90)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 7,000
Saudi Arabia: Mohammed Al-Deayea - Mohammed Al-Khilaiwi, Mohammed Howusawi, Sami Jaber (Hamzah Idris 89), Khalid Ahmad, Saleh Al- Saqri, Abdullah Al-Wakad, Nawaf Temyat, Ahmed Khalil, Abdullah Jumaan (Mohammad Al-Shalhoob 39), Talal Al-Meshal.
South Korea: Lee Woon-jae - Yoo Sang-Chul, Kim Tae-young, Yoon Jong-hwan (Noh Jung-yoon 53), Lee Dong-Gook, Lee Young-pyo, Kim Sang-sik, Choi Sung-yong, Hong Myung-bo , Park Ji-sung (Ha Seok-ju 70), Sim Jae-won (Seol Ki-hyeon 78).

Saturday, October 28

Oct 28 - Nairobi, Kenya - Four-Team tnmt Final
Kenya 1 (Otema 60)
Uganda 1 (Kawesa 56)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 20,000. **Ref:** Chiganga (Tan)
Uganda 4-2 on pens
Kenya: Victor Onyango - Daniel Agina, Kennedy Odhiambo, Silvanus Otema, Josiah Ougo, Evans Nyabaro, Eric Omondi, John Muiruri, Benard Onyango (Sammy Simiyu 62), Mark Sirengo, Robert Mambo (Simon Mulama 55).
Uganda: Ibrahim Mugisha (Sam Kawalya 89) - Edward Kalungi, Philip Obwin, George Ssemwogerere (Timothy Batabaire 44), Livingstone Mbabazi, Mohamed Nsubuga, Hakim Magumba, Willy Kyambadde (Dan Mubiru 75), Mathias Kawesa, Hassan Mubiru, Ibrahim Buwembo.

Oct 28 - Nairobi, Kenya - Four-Team tnmt 3rd-place
Ghana 2 (Frimpong 22, Rahman pen 89)
Tanzania 3 (Edward 33, Lunyamila 43, Kihwelo 70)
HT: 1-2. **Att:** 20,000. **Ref:** Alusa (Ken)
Ghana: Constant Mattey - Mohamed Hamza, Yaw Owusu, Kofi Amoako (Godwin Ablordey 59), Joseph Addo, Bilson Abeiku, Issah Mohamed (Adu Tutu Skelly 73), Issah Abdul Rahman, Bashiru Gambo (Baba Adamu 46), Nana Frimpong, Nana Arhin-Duah. *Sent off: Bilson Abeiku 69min, Baba Adamu 80min.*
Tanzania: Peter Manyika - Meck Maxime, Boniface Pawasa, Feisal Salum, Juma Khamis, Salbatory Edward, Wycliff Ketto (Mtwa Kihwelo 60), Dua Said, Edibilly Lunyamila, Yusuph Macho, Said Maulid. *Sent off: Juma Khamis 89min.*

Sunday, October 29

Oct 29 - Beirut - Asian Cup Final
Japan 1 (Shigeyoshi 29)
Saudi Arabia 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 50,000
Japan: Kawaguchi - Naoki, Morioka, Mattori, Shigeyoshi, Akinori Nishizawa, Nanami, Morishima (Ono 89), Nakamura, Myojin, Takahara (Morishima 80, Oku 88).
Saudi Arabia: Mohammed Al-Deayea - Mohammed Al-Khilaiwi, Sami Jaber, Khalid Ahmad, Saleh Al-Saqri, Fouzi Al-Shehri (Marzouq Al-Otaibi 72), Abdullah Al-Wakad, Nawaf Temyat, Hamzah Idris (Mohammad Al- Shalhoub 46), Ahmed Khalil, Talal Al-Meshal.

Oct 29 - Beirut - Asian Cup 3rd-place
China 0
South Korea 1 (Lee Dong-Gook 76)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 20,000
China: Jiang Jin - Zhang Enhua (Xie Hui 34), Wu Chengying (Xu Yang 10), Li Ming, Ma Mingyu, Su Maozhen, Li Weifeng, Li Xiaopeng, Yang Chen, Xu Yunlong, Shao Jiayi.
South Korea: Lee Woon-Jae - Park Jin-Sub (Kang Chul 66), Seol Ki-Hyeon, Noh Jung-Yoon, Lee Dong-Gook, Lee Young-Pyo, Lee Min-Sung (Yoo Sang-Chul 46), Kim Sang-Sik, Hong Myung-Bo, Park Ji-Sung, Park Jae-Hon.

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4th matchday

October 17

GROUP A

Real Madrid 5 (Guti 3, 65, Ivan Helguera 24, Raul 75, Figo pen 88)
Bayer Leverkusen 3 (Brdaric 19, Kirsten 55, Rink 78)
HT: 2-1. **Att:** 60,000. **Ref:** Messina (Ita)
Madrid: Cesar - Geremi, Ivan Campo, Hierro (Celades 46), Roberto Carlos - Makelele, Figo (Munitis 89), Guti, Ivan Helguera - Savio (Solari 71), Raul.
Leverkusen: Zuberbuhler - Zivkovic, Nowotny, R Kovac, Reeb, Ramelow (Rink 71), Ballack, Ze Roberto, Brdaric (Schneider 89), Neuville, Kirsten.

Sporting Lisbon 0
Moscow Spartak 3 (Dimas og 16, Titov 52, 67)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 30,000. **Ref:** Barber (Eng)
Sporting: Schmeichel - Dimas, Andre Cruz, Acosta, Horvath (Pedro Barbosa 57), Bino, Beto, Rui Jorge (Rodrigo Fabri 37), Joao Pinto (Mpenza 57), Cesar Prates, Sa Pinto.
Spartak: Filimonov - Kovtun, Tchuisse, Ananko, Baranov, Bulatov, Titov, Marcao (Kalinichenko 62), Parfenov, Bezrodny, Robson (Pisarev 84).

GROUP B

Lazio 1 (Nedved 24)
Arsenal 1 (Pires 88)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 40,151. **Ref:** Krug (Ger)
Lazio: Peruzzi - Negro, Mihajlovic, Nesta, Pancaro - Stankovic (Claudio Lopez 46), Simeone, Veron, Nedved - Inzaghi (Crespo 69), Salas.
Arsenal: Lukic - Dixon, Keown, Luzhnyi, Silvinho - Parlour (Pires 60), Vieira, Grimandi (Lauren 69), Ljungberg (Wiltord 74) - Kanu, Henry.

Shakhtar Donetsk 2 (Gleveckas 35, Zubov pen 87)
Sparta Prague 1 (Jarosik 16)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 20,000. **Ref:** Ouzounov (Bul)
Shakhtar: Virt - Starostyak (Belik 65), Gleveckas, Timoshchyuk, Popov, Bakharev, Zubov, Atelkin, Vorobei (Kovalev 90), Abramov (Kriventsov 57), Okoronkwo.
Sparta: Postulka - Grygera, Hornak, J Novotny, Bolf (Kincl 89) - Labant, M Hasek, Jarosik, Rosicky - Obajdin (Kolousek 78), Sionko (P Novotny 90). *Sent off: Grygera 87min.*

GROUP C

Heerenveen 1 (Jensen 82)
Olympiakos 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 12,000. **Ref:** Strampe (Ger)
Heerenveen: Vonk - Venema, Klompe, G De Nooijer, Radomski, Nurmela, Talan, Jensen, Lurling, Huizingh, Nwankpa (Van Gessel 31).
Olympiakos: Eleftheropoulos - Patsatzoglou, Amanatidis, Luciano De Souza (Anatolakis 75), Giovanni, Djordjevic, Ze Elias, Zetterberg, Georgatos (Choutos 83), Kontis, Ofori-Quaye.

Lyon 1 (Marlet 90)
Valencia 2 (Sanchez 45, Baraja 85)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 38,959. **Ref:** Durkin (Eng)
Lyon: Coupet - Deflandre, Edmilson, Laville, Marlet, Laigle (Violeau 67), Anderson, Delmotte (Vairelles 44), Foe, Malbranque (Linares 67), Brechet. *Sent off: Foe 61min.*
Valencia: Canizares - Pellegrino, Djukic, Baraja, Angloma, Mendieta (Angulo 61), Carew (Diego Alonso 81), Zahovic (Albelda 70), Carboni, Sanchez, Kily Gonzalez.

GROUP D

Rangers 0
Galatasaray 0
Att: 49,603. **Ref:** Merk (Ger)
Rangers: Klos - Reyna, Vidmar (Wilson 71), Konterman, Porrini - Kanchelskis, Ferguson, Tugay, Albertz - De Boer, Lovenkrands (McCann 55).
Galatasaray: Taffarel - Popescu, Bulent Korkmaz, Fatih Akyel, Akin Bulent - Hakan Unsal, Umit - Hagi (Okan 71), Ergun, Jardel (Marcio Santos 86), Hasan Sas.

Sturm Graz 2 (Schopp 40, 88)
Monaco 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 15,400. **Ref:** Cesari (Ita)
Sturm: Sidorczuk (Schicklgruber 83) - Popovic (Prilasnig 59), Mamedov, Neukirchner, Schopp, Schupp, Reinmayr (Strafner 70), Fleurquin, Korsos, Vastic, Kocijan.
Monaco: Porato - Jurietti, Christanval, Irles, Contreras, Giuly, Djetou, Dabo (Bonnal 46), Gallardo, Simone, Prso (Eloi 83).

October 18

GROUP E

Deportivo La Coruna 1 (Victor 12)
Juventus 1 (Inzaghi 10)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 25,000. **Ref:** Veissiere (Fra)
La Coruna: Molina - Manuel Pablo, Naybet, Donato, Enrique Romero - Emerson, Cesar Sampaio, Victor (Scaloni 87), Djalminha - Pandiani (Tristan 76), Turu Flores (Fernando 65).
Juventus: Van der Sar - Ferrara, Tudor, Iuliano - Conte, Davids, Tacchinardi (Birindelli 88), Pessotto - Kovacevic (Bachini 61), Inzaghi (Trezeguet 71), Del Piero.

Panathinaikos 0
Hamburg 0
Att: 32,000. **Ref:** Irvine (NI)
Panathinaikos: Halkias - Henriksen, Goumas, Vokolos, Olivares (Pflipsen 61), Fissas, Galetto (Warzycha 71), Karagounis, Basinas, Vlaovic (Nasiopoulos 81), Limberopoulos.
Hamburg: Butt - Panadic, Hertzsch, Hoogma, Groth (Prager 61), Heinz, N Kovac, Tofting, Barbarez, Yeboah (Bester 77), Hollerbach (Ketelaer 71).

GROUP F

Bayern Munich 2 (Salihamidzic 4, Paulo Sergio 89)
Paris Saint-Germain 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 33,000. **Ref:** Melo Pereira (Por)
Bayern: Kahn - Sagnol, Andersson, Linke (Jeremies 29), Tarnat, Salihamidzic, Fink, Sforza, Santa Cruz (Paulo Sergio 76), Jancker (Elber 58), Scholl.
PSG: Letizi - Algerino, Dehu, Rabesandratana, Distin, Luccin (E Cisse 84), Dalmat, Mendy (Okocha 71), Christian, Robert, Anelka.

Helsingborgs 2 (Jesper Jansson 32, Alvaro Santos 77)
Rosenborg 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 12,587. **Ref:** Ivanov (Rus)
Helsingborgs: Sven Andersson - Ola Nilsson, Roland Nilsson, Matovac, Niclas Persson, Bjorn Johansen, Ulrik Jansson (Wahlstedt 74), Jesper Jansson, Prica (Christoffer Andersson 84), Stig Johansen, Eklund (Alvaro Santos 55).
Rosenborg: Arason - Hoftun, Basma, Bent Inge Johnsen, Stensaas, Orjan Berg, Skammelsrud, Winsnes (Storvik 84), Strand, Frode Johnsen (Belsvik 55), Sorensen. *Sent off: Hoftun 73min.*

GROUP G

Anderlecht 4 (Vaschuk og 10, Radzinski 37, 41, Stoica 45)
Kyiv Dynamo 2 (Kaladze 1, Bialkevich 88)
HT: 4-1. **Att:** 25,000. **Ref:** Fandel (Ger)
Anderlecht: De Wilde - De Boeck, Staelens, Crasson, Dheedene - Goor, Vanderhaeghe, Baseggio, Stoica (Dindane 87) - Koller, Radzinski.
Dynamo: Shovkovskyi - Khatskevich, Holovko, Vaschuk (Gerasimenko 57), Yashkin (Kuzmichev 50), Kaladze, Bialkevich, Husin, Nesmachny - Bodnar, Demetradze (Serebrennikov 76).

Manchester United 3 (Sheringham 8, Scholes 82, Yorke 87)
PSV Eindhoven 1 (Van Bommel 75)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 66,313. **Ref:** Fernandez Marin (Spa)
Man United: Barthez - Irwin (Brown 81), G Neville, Johnsen, Silvestre - Beckham (Butt 88), Keane, Scholes, Giggs - Cole, Sheringham (Yorke 74).
PSV: Waterreus - Heintze, Nikiforov, Hofland, Van Der Weerden - Van Bommel, Vogel, Van Der Doelen (De Jong 73) - Ramzi (Kolkka 65), Kezman, Bruggink (Lucius 28).

GROUP H

Besiktas 0
Leeds United 0
Att: 20,000. **Ref:** Wegereef (Hol)
Besiktas: Shorunmu - Karhan, Tayfur, Ali Eren (Murat 63), Ahmet Dursun (Ayhan Akman 81), Nihat, Mehmet (Ibrahim Uzulmez 60), Munch, Umit Bozkurt, Khlestov, Yasin.
Leeds: Robinson - Kelly, Harte, Woodgate, Bridges (Huckerby 27; McPhail 86), Viduka, Bowyer, Mills, Bakke, Matteo, Burns.

Milan 3 (Albertini 25, 39, Jose Mari 45)
Barcelona 3 (Rivaldo 19, 43, 68)
HT: 3-2. **Att:** 79,000. **Ref:** Dallas (Sco)
Milan: Abbiati - Roque Junior, Costacurta, Maldini - Gattuso, Albertini, Ambrosini, Coco - Shevchenko, Bierhoff, Jose Mari (Boban 69).
Barcelona: Dutruel - Puyol, Abelardo, Petit (Reiziger 25), Sergi - Cocu (De Boer 46), Xavi, Luis Enrique, Simao - Rivaldo, Alfonso (Dani 62).

5th matchday

October 24

GROUP E

Deportivo La Coruna 1 (Pandiani 82)
Panathinaikos 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 20,000. **Ref:** Milton Nielsen (Den)
La Coruna: Molina - Manuel Pablo, Naybet, Donato, Enrique Romero - Djalminha (Tristan 81), Cesar Sampaio, Emerson, Victor (Scaloni 62) - Turu Flores (Fernando 60), Pandiani.
Panathinaikos: Chalkias (Nikopolidis 64) - Henriksen, Volkolos, Saric, Fyssas, Galetto (Paulo Sousa 46), Goumas, Karagounis (Kola 60), Basinas, Warzycha, Limberopoulos.

Juventus 1 (Kovacevic 56)
Hamburg 3 (Prager 24, Yeboah 48, Panadic 62)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 35,209. **Ref:** Dougal (Sco)
Juventus: Van der Sar - Ferrara (Zanchi 55), Tudor, Iuliano - Paramatti, Davids, Conte, Pessotto, Zidane - Inzaghi (Del Piero 55), Trezeguet (Kovacevic 55). *Sent off: Zidane 29min, Davids 33min.*
Hamburg: Butt - Kientz (Mahdavikia 50), Hertzsch, Hoogma, Panadic - N Kovac (Maul 12), Tofting, Barbarez, Prager, Yeboah, Ketelaer (Heinz 74).

GROUP F

Bayern Munich 0
Helsingborgs 0
Att: 20,000. **Ref:** Vassaras (Gre)
Bayern: Kahn - Sagnol, Sforza, Linke, Tarnat, Salihamidzic, Jeremies (Zickler 84), Scholl, Fink, Jancker (Elber 68), Santa Cruz (Paulo Sergio 68).
Helsingborgs: Sven Andersson - Roland Nilsson, Ola Nilsson, Matovac, Christoffer Andersson, Nicklas Persson (Prica 73), Stig Johansen (Michael Hansson 81), Bjorn Johansen, Ulrik Jansson, Jesper Jansson, Alvaro Santos (Eklund 81).

Paris Saint-Germain 7 (Dehu 16, Christian 25, Anelka 35, 90, Luccin 45, Leroy 76, Robert pen 86)
Rosenborg 2 (George 36, 38)
HT: 4-2. **Att:** 39,536. **Ref:** Garcia Aranda (Spa)
PSG: Letizi - Algerino, Rabesandratana, Mendy, Distin - Luccin (Ducrocq 61), Dehu, Dalmat, Robert, Anelka, Christian (Leroy 73).
Rosenborg: Jamtfall - Basma, Bent Inge Johnsen, Stensaas (Boateng 85), Winsnes (Belsvik 55), Skammelsrud, Orjan Berg, Sorensen, George, Frode Johnsen, Strand (Trondsen 71).

GROUP G

Anderlecht 2 (Radzinski 15, 33)
Manchester United 1 (Irwin pen 36)
HT: 2-1. **Att:** 28,000. **Ref:** Braschi (Ita)
Anderlecht: De Wilde - Crasson, Staelens, Dheedene, De Boeck - Goor, Vanderhaeghe, Baseggio, Stoica (Oyen 80) - Koller, Radzinski (Dindane 90).
Man United: Barthez - Irwin (Solskjaer 79), Johnsen, G Neville, Silvestre (Brown 62) - Beckham, Butt, Scholes, Giggs - Yorke, Cole.

Kyiv Dynamo 0
PSV Eindhoven 1 (Ooijer 45)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 40,000. **Ref:** Plautz (Aut)
Dynamo: Shovkovskyi - Khatskevich, Holovko, Vaschuk (Fedorov 18), Dmytrulin, Kaladze (Kuzmichev 55), Bialkevich, Shatskikh, Demetradze (Yashkin 76), Husin, Nesmachny.
PSV: Waterreus - Van der Weerden, Nikiforov, Ooijer, Heintze - Van Bommel, Vogel, Ramzi - Kezman (Kolkka 90), De Jong (Iwan 87), Lucius (Rommedahl 75).

GROUP H

Besiktas 0
Milan 2 (Shevchenko 39, Jose Mari 43)
HT: 0-2. **Att:** 18,000. **Ref:** Strampe (Ger)
Besiktas: Shorunmu - Karhan, Tayfur, Ali Eren (Erman 46), Ahmet Dursun, Nihat, Mehmet Ozdilek (Ayhan Akman 71), Munch, Umit Bozkurt, Khlestov (Ibrahim Uzulmez 46), Yasin Sulun.
Milan: Dida - Maldini, Albertini, Costacurta, Gattuso (Helveg 83), Jose Mari (Serginho 87), Bierhoff (Boban 71), Ambrosini, Roque Junior, Coco, Shevchenko.

Leeds United 1 (Bowyer 5)
Barcelona 1 (Rivaldo 90)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 36,729. **Ref:** Hauge (Nor)
Leeds: Robinson - Kelly, Woodgate, Mills, Harte - Bowyer, Dacourt (Burns 75), Bakke, Matteo - Viduka, Smith.
Barcelona: Dutruel - Reiziger (Gerard 66), Abelardo, Puyol, Sergi - Cocu, Rivaldo, Xavi, Luis Enrique (Dani 66) - Simao, Alfonso.

October 25

GROUP A

Bayer Leverkusen 1 (Ballack 52)
Moscow Spartak 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 20,000. **Ref:** Wojcik (Pol)
Leverkusen: Matysek - Zivkovic, Nowotny, Hoffmann - Reeb, Ramelow, Ballack (Brdaric 75), Ze Roberto (Vranjes 81), Neuville, Kirsten, Rink (Ojigwe 46).
Spartak: Filimonov - Kovtun, Tchuisse, Ananko, Baranov, Bulatov, Titov, Marcao (Kalinichenko 58), Parfyonov, Bezrodny, Robson.

Real Madrid 4 (Guti 11, Savio 41, Morientes 61, 69)
Sporting Lisbon 0
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 55,000. **Ref:** Meier (Swi)
Madrid: Cesar - Geremi, Ivan Campo, Roberto Carlos (Solari 68), Ivan Helguera - Figo (McManaman 52), Makelele, Celades, Savio - Guti, Munitis (Morientes 61).
Sporting: Nelson Pereira - Cesar Prates, Dimas, Beto, Andre Cruz, Delfim (Bino 46), Mahon (Acosta), Sa Pinto, Hugo Vieira (Pedro Barbosa 68), Joao Pinto, Mpenza.

GROUP B

Arsenal 4 (Parlour 5, Lauren 7, Dixon 35, Kanu 51)
Sparta Prague 2 (Labant pen 40, Rosicky 90)
HT: 3-1. **Att:** 34,497. **Ref:** Hamer (Lux)
Arsenal: Seaman - Dixon, Vivas, Luzhnyi, Silvinho (Cole 46) - Pires (Bergkamp 62), Vieira, Parlour, Lauren - Kanu, Henry (Wiltord 71).
Sparta: Postulka - Labant, Hornak, Bolf, Novotny - Hasek, Sionko (Papousek 85), Rosicky, Jarosik - Jun (Mynar 46), Kincl.

Lazio 5 (Claudio Lopez 48, 68, 90, Favalli 54, Veron 57)
Shakhtar Donetsk 1 (Vorobei 42)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 30,000. **Ref:** Sars (Fra)
Lazio: Peruzzi - Favalli, Nesta, Fernando Couto, Pancaro - Lombardo (Sensini 71), Baronio (Stankovic 46), Veron, Nedved - Inzaghi (Crespo 46), Claudio Lopez.
Shakhtar: Virt - Aliuta (Bielik 70), Gleveckas, Timoshchyuk, Popov (Shmarko 76), Bakharev, Kovalev (Starostyak 84), Zubov, Atelkin, Vorobei, Okoronkwo.

GROUP C

Heerenveen 0
Lyon 2 (Malbranque 68, Marlet 78)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 14,000. **Ref:** Cortez Batista (Por)
Heerenveen: Vonk - Venema, Klompe, Hansma, G De Nooijer, Talan (Kolk 68), Radomski (Van Gessel 25; Denneboom 71), Jensen - Nurmela, Huizingh, Lurling.
Lyon: Coupet - Deflandre, Edmilson, Laville, Brechet, Linares, Voileau, Anderson (Malbranque 33), Marlet, Vairelles (Muller 82), Delmotte (Dhorasoo 60).

Olympiakos 1 (Djordjevic pen 65)
Valencia 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 58,000. **Ref:** Trentalange (Ita)
Olympiakos: Eleftheropoulos - Amanatidis, Alexandris (Georgatos 59), Patsatzoglou, Djordjevic, Kontis, Ze Elias, Zetterberg, Giovanni, Anatolakis (Choutos 74), Giannakopoulos (Luciano De Sousa 59).
Valencia: Canizares - Djukic, Pellegrino, Carboni - Gerardo, Angulo, Deschamps, Miila (Albelda 49), Vicente, Carew (Diego Alonso 66), Angloma (Parri 80).

GROUP D

Monaco 4 (Contreras 6, Bonnal 19, Simone 22, Nonda 26)
Galatasaray 2 (Hakan Unsal 24, Bulent Korkmaz 63)
HT: 4-1. **Att:** 18,000. **Ref:** Pedersen (Nor)
Monaco: Porato - Contreras (Leonard 68), Marquez (Iriles 42), Christanval, Djetou, Giuly (Dabo 65), Gallardo, Simone, Jurietti, Nonda, Bonnal. *Sent off: Jurietti 60min, Djetou 63min.*
Galatasaray: Einan Kerem - Bulent Korkmaz, Popescu, Okan, Suat (Hasas Sas 66), Jardel, Hagi (Bulent Akin 42), Umit, Capone, Hakan Unsal, Ergun.

Sturm Graz 2 (Yuran 20, Prilasnig 90)
Rangers 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 15,400. **Ref:** Lopez Nieto (Spa)
Sturm: Schicklgruber - Popovic, Neukirchner, Korsos, Mamedov, Schupp, Reinmayr (Minavand 46), Fleurquin, Prilasnig, Yuran (Strafner 64), Kocijan.
Rangers: Christiansen - Porrini (Negri 78), Amoruso, Konterman, Numan, Kanchelskis, Ferguson, Tugay, Van Bronckhorst (McCann 55), De Boer, Wallace (Dodds 73). *Sent off: Numan 85min.*

GROUP A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Real Madrid*	5	4	1	0	15	7	13
Moscow Spartak*	5	3	0	2	8	3	9
Bayer Leverkusen	5	2	0	3	9	12	6
Sporting Lisbon	5	0	1	4	5	15	1

GROUP B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Arsenal*	5	4	1	0	11	5	13
Lazio*	5	3	1	1	12	4	10
Sparta Prague	5	1	0	4	6	12	3
Shakhtar Donetsk	5	1	0	4	5	15	3

GROUP C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Valencia*	5	4	0	1	6	3	12
Olympiakos	5	3	0	2	6	4	9
Lyon	5	2	0	3	7	6	6
Heerenveen	5	1	0	4	2	8	3

GROUP D

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sturm Graz	5	3	0	2	7	10	9
Galatasaray	5	2	1	2	8	11	7
Rangers	5	2	1	2	8	5	7
Monaco	5	2	0	3	11	8	6

GROUP E

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Dep La Coruna*	5	2	3	0	5	3	9
Juventus	5	1	3	1	8	9	6
Panathinaikos	5	1	2	2	3	4	5
Hamburg	5	1	2	2	8	8	5

GROUP F

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bayern Munich*	5	3	1	1	8	3	10
Paris SG*	5	3	0	2	13	8	9
Rosenborg	5	2	0	3	12	14	6
Helsingborgs	5	1	1	3	5	13	4

GROUP G

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Anderlecht	5	3	0	2	8	12	9
PSV Eindhoven	5	3	0	2	7	6	9
Man United	5	2	1	2	10	7	7
Kyiv Dynamo	5	1	1	3	7	7	4

GROUP H

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Milan*	5	3	1	1	11	5	10
Leeds United	5	2	2	1	8	5	8
Barcelona	5	1	2	2	8	9	5
Besiktas	5	1	1	3	4	12	4

**Definite qualifiers for second group phase*

UEFA CUP

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October 23

Iraklis 1 (Michalis Konstantinou pen 47)
Kaiserslautern 3 (Klose 7, Hristov 35, Tavlaridis og 64)
HT: 0-2. **Att:** 6,958

October 24

Osijek 2 (Bjelica 27, pen 90)
Rapid Wien 1 (Radovic 37)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 12,000

Udinese 1 (Margiotta 90)
PAOK Salonika 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 14,258

Werder Bremen 4 (Ernst 16, Herzog 28, Baumann 56, Bode 72)
Genk 1 (Sonck 35)
HT: 2-1. **Att:** 14,150
Sent off: Ailton (Werder) 43min.

October 26

AEK Athens 5 (Nikolaidis 48, 53, 64, 75, Zikos 61)
Herfolge 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 9,075

Basle 1 (Tchouga 62)
Feyenoord 2 (Kalou 60, Bosvelt 84)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 9,700

Boavista 0
Roma 1 (Montella 74)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 6,000
Sent off: Melo (Boavista) 42min.

Bordeaux 1 (Dugarry 22)
Celtic 1 (Larsson pen 24)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 20,000

Club Brugge 2 (Lembi pen 53, Vermant pen 76)
St Gallen 1 (Amoah 28)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 10,000

Espanyol 4 (Tamudo 15, Galca pen 20, Sergio 30, 45)
Grazer AK 0
HT: 4-0. **Att:** 11,000
Sent off: Akoto (Grazer) 26min.

Halmstads 3 (Michael Svensson 13, Selakovic 34, Robert Andersson 56)
1860 Munich 2 (Max 35, Hassler pen 37)
HT: 2-2. **Att:** 3,145

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HOW THEY LINE UP

Robinson (3, Leeds); Dixon (2, Arsenal), Keown (2, Arsenal), Nesta (2, Lazio), Roberto Carlos (3, Real Madrid); Pires (3, Arsenal), Guti (3, Real Madrid), Totti (3, Roma), Robert (5, PSG); Rivaldo (7, Barça), Shevchenko (5, Milan)

HOW THEY VOTED

A BOLA (PORTUGAL)

Robinson (Leeds); Dixon (Arsenal), Keown (Arsenal), Nesta (Lazio), Roberto Carlos (Real Madrid); Beckham (Man Utd), Guti (Real Madrid), Radzinski (Anderlecht), Titov (Moscow Spartak); Bema (Porto), Rivaldo (Barça)

DON BALON (SPAIN)

Robinson (Leeds); Salihamidzic (Bayern), Donato (La Coruna), Maldini (Milan), Sergi (Barça); Pires (Arsenal), Xavi (Barça), Barbarez (Hamburg), Robert (PSG); Anelka (PSG), Rivaldo (Barça)

FOOT (BELGIUM)

Abbiati (Milan); Keown (Arsenal), Sforza (Bayern), Iuliano (Juve), Nowotny (Leverkusen); Totti (Roma), Scholes (Man Utd), Guti (Real Madrid), Robert (PSG); Heskey (Liverpool), Rivaldo (Barça)

FRANCE FOOTBALL

Robinson (Leeds); Cafu (Roma), Elliott (Leicester), Silvinho (Arsenal); Rivaldo (Barça), Cesar Sampaio (La Coruna), Albertini (Milan), Mendieta (Valencia); Totti (Roma), Shevchenko (Milan), Robert (PSG)

GAZZETTA DELLO SPORT (ITALY)

Casillas (Real Madrid); Geremi (Real Madrid), Radebe (Leeds), Nesta (Lazio), Coco (Milan); Bowyer (Leeds), Vieira (Arsenal), Rivaldo (Barça), Nedved (Lazio); Batistuta (Roma), Shevchenko (Milan)

KICKER (GERMANY)

Kahn (Bayern); Carr (Tottenham), Antonio Carlos (Roma), Jorge Costa (Porto), Roberto Carlos (Real Madrid); Pires (Arsenal), Scholl (Bayern), Titov (Moscow Spartak), Robert (PSG); Shevchenko (Milan), Rivaldo (Barça)

VOETBAL INTERNATIONAL (HOLLAND)

Kahn (Bayern); Puyol (Barça), Antonio Carlos (Roma), Nowotny (Leverkusen), Silvinho (Arsenal); Pires (Arsenal), Mendieta (Valencia), Guti (Real Madrid), Robert (PSG); Radzinski (Anderlecht), Shevchenko (Milan)

WORLD SOCCER

Butt (Hamburg); Dixon (Arsenal), Panadic (Hamburg), Maldini (Milan), Roberto Carlos (Real Madrid); Simao (Barça), Totti (Roma), Rivaldo (Barça), Jose Mari (Milan); Claudio Lopez (Lazio), Shevchenko (Milan)

Hertha Berlin 3 (Preetz 8, Beinlich 46, Reiss 65)
Amica Wronki 1 (Piskula 88)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 13,157

Internazionale 0
Vitesse Arnhem 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 9,093

Lausanne 1 (Mazzoni 38)
Ajax 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 11,500

Lillestrom 1 (Helland 84)
Alaves 3 (Begona 2, Tellez 22, Contra 47)
HT: 0-2. **Att:** 1,120

Liverpool 1 (Heskey 87)
Slovan Liberec 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 29,662

Lokomotiv Moscow 1 (Loskov pen 38)
Inter Bratislava 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 2,850

Nantes 2 (Ziani 63, Gillet 73)
MTK 1 (Illes 28)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 13,925

OFI Crete 2 (Kolitsidakis 42, Mauro Silva 78)
Slavia Prague 2 (Necas 30, Rada 70)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 3,600

Parma 2 (Amoroso 61, 78)
Dinamo Zagreb 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 4,822

Rayo Vallecano 1 (Quevedo 18)
Viborg 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 6,599
Sent off: Poschner (Rayo) 51min.

Red Star Belgrade 1 (Drulic 62)
Celta Vigo 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 43,328

FC Tirol Innsbruck 1 (Mair 54)
Stuttgart 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 16,500
Sent off: Todt (Stuttgart) 30min; Baur (Tirol) 89min.

Wisla Krakow 0
FC Porto 0
Att: 8,200

AUSTRIA

Oct 14: Rapid Wien 2 Bregenz 1; Sturm Graz 5 Admira 0; SV Ried 1 Austria Wien 3; FC Tirol 3 Linz ASK 0.
Oct 15: Salzburg 4 Grazer AK 0.
Oct 20: Grazer AK 2 Rapid Wien 0.
Oct 21: Admira 2 Salzburg 0; Bregenz 2 Linz ASK 2; SV Ried 2 Sturm Graz 1.
Oct 22: Austria Wien 0 FC Tirol 2.
Oct 25: Bregenz 2 Austria Wien 1.
Oct 28: Rapid Wien 1 Admira 0; Salzburg 2 Austria Wien 0; Sturm Graz 4 Bregenz 2.
Oct 29: Linz ASK 0 Grazer AK 1; FC Tirol 2 SV Ried 0.

AUSTRIA

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rapid Wien	16	9	4	3	29	16	31
FC Tirol	16	9	3	4	27	13	30
Grazer AK	16	8	3	5	25	22	27
Salzburg	16	8	2	6	23	22	26
Austria Wien	16	7	4	5	25	15	25
Sturm Graz	16	7	2	7	31	23	23
SV Ried	16	6	4	6	27	23	22
Bregenz	16	5	4	7	23	27	19
Linz ASK	16	3	3	10	14	35	12
Admira	16	2	3	11	11	39	9

BELGIUM

Friday, October 13

Lierse 1 (Somers 57)
Genk 1 (Paas 63) Att: 9,500

Saturday, October 14

Anderlecht 2 (Radzinski 2, Koller 42)
Gent 1 (Kraouche 27) Att: 24,000

Royal Antwerp 1 (Goots 48)
Mouscron 0 Att: 6,000

Beveren 0
Standard 3 (Dragutinovic 17, Goossens 27, Arst 66)
Att: 6,000

Charleroi 1 (Brogno 63)
Lokeren 0 Att: 10,011

St Truiden 3 (Isaias 24, M'Bonabucya 44, Teppers pen 54)
Germinal BA 2 (Severeyns 72, 90) Att: 6,500

Sunday, October 15

Eendracht Aalst 0
Club Brugge 2 (Janssen 70, Vermant pen 90) Att: 8,000

Harelbeke 1 (Wostijn 2)
Mechelen 0 Att: 4,000

Westerlo 2 (Machiels 10, Mitrovic 46)
La Louviere 1 (Buelinckx 20) Att: 4,000

Friday, October 20

Standard 4 (Meyssen 9, Arst 19, Folha 53, Goossens 86)
Charleroi 0 Att: 21,000

Saturday, October 21

Mouscron 1 (Casto pen 48)
Anderlecht 2 (Koller 70, Baseggio 85) Att: 10,000

Genk 4 (Hendrikx 18, Daerden 43, Origi 47, Ban 84)
Harelbeke 0 Att: 19,350

Gent 2 (Kraouche 18, Nielsen 30)
Lierse 3 (Snoeckx 43, 47, Somers 85) Att: 7,000

Germinal BA 3 (Degryse 36, 67, Van de Weyer 89)
Westerlo 1 (Pelic 49) Att: 6,500

Lokeren 0
Royal Antwerp 1 (Fatokun 64) Att: 5,000

La Louviere 2 (Lucas 67, Bembuana-Keve 84)
Beveren 3 (Torken 23, 45, Di Tullio og 77) Att: 5,000

Sunday, October 22

Club Brugge 5 (Verheyen 18, Mendoza 20, 88, Englebert 67, Janssen 72)
St Truiden 0 Att: 15,000

Mechelen 4 (Elias 21, 85, Dierickx 68, Van Hout 88)
Eendracht Aalst 1 (Miceli pen 15) Att: 5,000

Friday, October 27

Lierse 1 (Claeys 80)
Mouscron 4 (De. Mitrovic 8, Martic 28, 52, Jestrovic 39) Att: 8,000

Saturday, October 28

Anderlecht 8 (Vanderhaeghe 4, Radzinski 16, 40, 75, pen 88, Koller 55, 66, Stoica 56)
Lokeren 0 Att: 23,000

Beveren 2 (Rodriguez 3, Guimaraes 79)
Germinal BA 1 (Severeyns 31) Att: 5,000

Charleroi 2 (Brogno pen 3, Scifo pen 26)
La Louviere 1 (Buelinckx 48) Att: 19,100

Genk 1 (Daerden 89)
Gent 1 (Nielsen 54) Att: 19,750

St Truiden 1 (M'Bonabucya 85)
Mechelen 0 Att: 7,000

Sunday, October 29

Royal Antwerp 1 (Verbeeck 32)
Standard 2 (Goossens 64, 68) Att: 7,500

Harelbeke 2 (Wostijn 14, Thompson 54)
Eendracht Aalst 4 (Van Hoyweghen 6, Van den Bossche 64, Thiebaut 71, Hermans 87) Att: 3,500

Westerlo 0
Club Brugge 2 (Martens 79, Smolders 89) Att: 10,000

BELGIUM

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Club Brugge	11	11	0	0	40	9	33
Anderlecht	11	9	2	0	39	12	29
Standard	11	8	1	2	33	13	25
Charleroi	11	7	0	4	20	21	21
Mouscron	11	6	1	4	26	13	19
Lierse	11	6	1	4	22	18	19
Westerlo	11	5	2	4	19	20	17
Germinal BA	11	5	0	6	19	19	15
Genk	10	3	5	2	15	11	14
Gent	10	4	2	4	21	21	14
Beveren	10	4	2	4	10	16	14
Lokeren	11	3	4	4	12	20	13
St Truiden	11	2	3	6	11	19	9
Royal Antwerp	10	3	0	7	9	17	9
Harelbeke	11	2	1	8	15	35	7
Eendracht Aalst	11	2	1	8	11	31	7
La Louviere	11	1	3	7	9	23	6
Mechelen	11	1	2	8	14	27	5

LEADING GOALSCORERS
12 Nenad Jestrovic (Mouscron)
10 Tomasz Radzinski (Anderlecht)
10 Gert Verheyen (Club Brugge)

BULGARIA

Oct 14: Lovech 2 Hebar 0; Spartak Varna 4 Chernomorets 3; Minjor 0 Slavia 3; Lok Sofia 3 Olympic-Beroe 2; Neftohimik 5 Velbazhd 0; Botev 1 Cherno More 0.
Oct 15: CSKA 1 Lev Sofia 1.
Oct 20: Lev Sofia 1 Lok Sofia 0; Slavia 0 CSKA 2.
Oct 21: Cherno More 3 Lovech 2; Velbazhd 4 Botev 1; Olympic-Beroe 2 Neftohimik 0; Chernomorets 3 Minjor 0; Hebar 2 Spartak Varna 1.
Oct 28: Lovech 4 Spartak Varna 0; Minjor 1 Hebar 1; Botev 1 Olympic-Beroe 0; Cherno More 1 Velbazhd 3; Neftohimik 0 Lev Sofia 1; CSKA 4 Chernomorets 0.
Oct 29: Lok Sofia 3 Slavia 0.

BULGARIA

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Lev Sofia	10	8	2	0	21	7	26
CSKA	10	7	3	0	22	2	24
Velbazhd	10	7	0	3	20	14	21
Lok Sofia	10	5	2	3	20	13	17
Lovech	10	4	3	3	23	14	15
Neftohimik	10	4	2	4	17	14	14
Hebar	10	4	2	4	14	14	14
Botev	10	4	1	5	11	13	13
Spartak Varna	10	4	1	5	15	19	13
Slavia	10	3	1	6	11	21	10
Cherno More	10	2	3	5	9	16	9
Olympic-Beroe	10	2	2	6	7	14	8
Chernomorets	10	2	2	6	11	20	8
Minjor	10	1	2	7	8	28	5

CROATIA

Oct 8: Osijek 2 Sibenik 0.
Oct 14: Marsonia 2 Osijek 5; Slaven 2 Hrvatski drag 1; Hajduk 0 Sibenik 0; Cakovec 0 Dinamo 0; Cibalia 1 Rijeka 2.
Oct 15: Zagreb 4 Varteks 2.
Oct 17: Slaven 1 Rijeka 0; Zagreb 3 Osijek 3.
Oct 21: Cakovec 2 Hrvatski drag 1; Slaven 7 Varteks 1; Cibalia 1 Dinamo 1.
Oct 22: Marsonia 0 Hajduk 5; Sibenik 1 Rijeka 0.
Oct 28: Varteks 1 Cakovec 0.
Oct 29: Marsonia 0 Sibenik 1; Osijek 3 Slaven 0; Hajduk 2 Zagreb 0; Hrvatski drag 0 Cibalia 2.

CROATIA

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Osijek	13	9	3	1	35	19	30
Dinamo	12	7	4	1	26	10	25
Hajduk	13	7	3	3	20	8	24
Zagreb	13	7	3	3	30	25	24
Sibenik	13	6	2	5	14	14	20
Cakovec	13	4	5	4	13	15	17
Slaven	13	4	4	5	18	18	16
Varteks	13	4	4	5	21	26	16
Hrvatski drag	13	3	3	7	16	23	12
Rijeka	12	2	4	6	7	12	10
Cibalia	13	1	7	5	13	23	10
Marsonia	13	1	2	10	11	31	5

CZECH REPUBLIC

Oct 13: Ceske Budejovice 2 Zizkov 2.
Oct 14: Slavia 2 Brno 1; Bohemians 4 Sparta 2.
Oct 15: Chmel Blsany 4 Jablonec 0; Synot 3 Olomouc 1; Plzen 0 Teplice 2; Liberec 3 Ostrava 0; Drnovice 0 Pribram 1.
Oct 18: Ceske Budejovice 2 Teplice 2.
Oct 20: Zizkov 1 Slavia 2.
Oct 21: Sparta 4 Liberec 1.
Oct 22: Ostrava 1 Chmel Blsany 1; Olomouc 4 Plzen 0; Pribram 4 Synot 1; Brno 0 Drnovice 0; Jablonec 1 Ceske Budejovice 1; Teplice 3 Bohemians 0.
Oct 27: Bohemians 2 Olomouc 2.
Oct 28: Ostrava 1 Sparta 5.
Oct 29: Chmel Blsany 3 Ceske Budejovice 1; Synot 2 Brno 1; Drnovice 2 Zizkov 2; Plzen 1 Pribram 1; Slavia 0 Jablonec 0.
Oct 30: Liberec 0 Teplice 3.
Nov 1: Jablonec 2 Brno 1; Ceske Budejovice 0 Pribram 0.

CZECH REPUBLIC

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sparta	10	9	0	1	33	9	27
Liberec	12	7	2	3	21	13	23
Teplice	11	6	3	2	18	10	21
Synot	11	5	4	2	19	12	19
Olomouc	10	5	3	2	19	10	18
Slavia	9	5	3	1	13	8	18
Pribram	12	5	3	4	16	13	18
Bohemians	12	3	7	2	17	14	16
Chmel Blsany	11	3	4	4	13	13	13
Zizkov	11	3	3	5	16	21	12
Drnovice	12	3	2	7	12	19	11
Jablonec	12	2	5	5	11	20	11
Ostrava	12	2	5	5	10	21	11
Ceske Budejovice	11	1	5	5	10	21	8
Plzen	12	1	5	6	10	27	8
Brno	10	1	2	7	9	16	5

DENMARK

Oct 15: AaB 2 Herfolge 2; AB 0 Silkeborg 1; Haderslev 0 Viborg 4; FC Copenhagen 4 AGF 0; Lyngby 3 Brondby 0.
Oct 16: OB 1 Midtjylland 2.
Oct 22: AGF 5 Lyngby 2; Brondby 4 AB 2; Herfolge 1 OB 1; Silkeborg 0 Haderslev 0; Viborg 1 AaB 2.
Oct 23: Midtjylland 2 FC Copenhagen 2.
Oct 29: AaB 4 Silkeborg 4; Haderslev 1 AB 1; OB 2 Viborg 1; FC Copenhagen 1 Herfolge 1; AGF 2 Brondby 0.
Oct 30: Lyngby 1 Midtjylland 1.

DENMARK

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Brondby	14	8	2	4	37	17	26
Midtjylland	14	7	5	2	24	15	26
FC Copenhagen	14	7	4	3	21	10	25
Silkeborg	14	6	7	1	20	18	25
Lyngby	14	8	1	5	24	24	25
OB	14	6	2	6	22	15	20
Viborg	14	5	4	5	18	12	19
AaB	14	5	3	6	23	25	18
AGF	14	5	1	8	19	28	16
AB	14	3	5	6	19	22	14
Herfolge	14	3	4	7	17	29	13
Haderslev	14	0	4	10	12	41	4

ENGLAND

Saturday, October 14

Arsenal 1 (Henry 61)
Aston Villa 0 Att: 38,046

Coventry 2 (Aloisi 12, Eustace 26)
Tottenham 1 (Rebrov 53) Att: 21,435

Everton 1 (Ball pen 81)
Southampton 1 (Dodd 76) Att: 29,491

Ipswich 1 (Stewart 5)
West Ham 1 (Di Canio 72) Att: 22,243

Leeds 3 (Smith 38, Viduka 73, 90)
Charlton 1 (Jensen 84) Att: 38,837

Leicester 0
Man Utd 3 (Sheringham 37, 55, Solskjaer 90) Att: 22,132

Man City 2 (Dickov 30, Haaland 45)
Bradford 0 Att: 34,229

Sunderland 1 (Phillips pen 63)
Chelsea 0 Att: 45,078

Sunday, October 15

Derby 0
Liverpool 4 (Heskey 17, 54, 67, Berger 80) Att: 30,532

Monday, October 16

Middlesbrough 1 (Deane 90)
Newcastle 3 (Shearer 38, Goma 56, Dyer 88) Att: 31,436

Saturday, October 21

Bradford 0
Ipswich 2 (Petrescu og 22, Clapham 88) Att: 17,045

Charlton 1 (Svensson 66)
Middlesbrough 0 Att: 22,043

Chelsea 6 (Hasselbaink pen 25, 42, 52, 58, Zola 48, Flo 68)
Coventry 1 (Roussel 89) Att: 34,646

Liverpool 1 (Heskey 69)
Leicester 0 Att: 44,314

Man Utd 3 (Yorke 41, Beckham 50, Jones og 82)
Leeds 0 Att: 67,523

Newcastle 0
Everton 1 (Campbell 80) Att: 51,625

Tottenham 3 (Leonhardsen 4, 48, Carr 45)
Derby 1 (Riggott 39) Att: 34,483

West Ham 1 (S Pearce 56)
Arsenal 2 (Pires 12, Ferdinand og 21) Att: 26,034

Sunday, October 22

Aston Villa 0
Sunderland 0 Att: 27,215

Saturday, October 28

Arsenal 5 (Cole 44, Bergkamp 52, Wiltord 75, Henry 82, 88)
Man City 0 Att: 38,049

Aston Villa 2 (Taylor 33, Merson 41)
Charlton 1 (Dublin og 82) Att: 27,461

Chelsea 3 (Hasselbaink pen 13, 87, Zola 39)
Tottenham 0 Att: 34,966

Ipswich 2 (Naylor 26, Venus 30)
Middlesbrough 1 (Gordon 68) Att: 21,771

Leicester 2 (Izzet 31, Gunnlaugsson 76)
Derby 1 (Delap 12) Att: 20,525

Man Utd 5 (Cole 9, 73, Sheringham 45, 51, 55)
Southampton 0 Att: 67,581

Sunderland 1 (Thome 52)
Coventry 0 Att: 44,526

West Ham 1 (Kanoute 73)
Newcastle 0 Att: 26,004

Sunday, October 29

Bradford 1 (Collymore 20)
Leeds 1 (Viduka 79) Att: 17,364

Liverpool 3 (Barmby 12, Hamann 56, Berger pen 78)
Everton 1 (Campbell 17) Att: 44,718

ENGLAND

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Man Utd	11	7	3	1	31	8	24
Arsenal	11	7	3	1	22	10	24
Liverpool	11	6	3	2	20	14	21
Leicester	11	5	4	2	9	7	19
Ipswich	11	5	3	3	16	12	18
Chelsea	11	4	4	3	22	14	16
Aston Villa	10	4	4	2	13	9	16
Newcastle	11	5	1	5	11	10	16
Sunderland	11	4	4	3	9	11	16
Leeds	10	4	3	3	15	14	15
Charlton	11	4	3	4	17	18	15
Tottenham	11	4	2	5	15	17	14
Man City	11	4	2	5	14	19	14
Everton	11	3	3	5	14	19	12
West Ham	11	2	5	4	13	14	11
Coventry	11	3	2	6	11	22	11
Middlesbrough	11	2	4	5	16	18	10
Southampton	11	2	4	5	12	20	10
Bradford	11	1	4	6	5	17	7
Derby	11	0	5	6	16	28	5

LEADING GOALSCORERS

10	Jimmy Floyd Hasselbaink (Chelsea)
8	Thierry Henry (Arsenal)
8	Teddy Sheringham (Man Utd)
7	Michael Owen (Liverpool)
6	Emile Heskey (Liverpool)
6	Marian Pahars (Southampton)
6	Alan Smith (Leeds)

FINLAND

FINLAND – FINAL STANDINGS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
FC Haka	33	20	6	7	56	20	66
Jokerit	33	16	14	3	56	26	62
MyPa	33	18	7	8	50	34	61
HJK Helsinki	33	16	9	8	51	33	57
Jazz	33	14	11	8	41	32	53
Tampere Utd	33	12	10	11	48	52	46
Inter Turku	33	11	7	15	47	54	40
Lahti	33	10	9	14	36	35	39
RoPS	33	10	6	17	35	50	36
VPS Vaasa	33	8	10	15	38	42	34
TPS Turku	33	7	6	20	30	75	27
Kotkan TP	33	5	7	21	29	64	22

FRANCE

Tuesday, October 10

Sedan 2 (Capron 10, Seldran 40)
Rennes 1 (Turdo 54) Att: 23,000

Friday, October 13

Bastia 0
Monaco 2 (Galiardo 65, Eloi 67) Att: 8,100

Paris SG 2 (Robert 62, Christian 90)
Marseille 0 Att: 44,076

Saturday, October 14

Lille 1 (Boutoille 50)
Guingamp 1 (Colleau 55) Att: 9,000

Metz 2 (Hassli 52, Baticle 90)
Troyes 2 (Celestini 60, Djukic 89) Att: 13,000

Sedan 2 (Mionnet 8, Satorra 54)
Saint-Etienne 1 (Sanchez 20) Att: 11,000

Rennes 0
Lens 1 (Lucas 44) Att: 14,000

Strasbourg 0
Nantes 5 (Savinaud 17, Armand 27, Vahirua 41, 45, Carriere 88) Att: 14,000

Sunday, October 15

Auxerre 0
Bordeaux 2 (Legwinski 21, Agboh og 76) Att: 20,000

Saturday, October 21

Bordeaux 1 (Wilmots 8)
Lyon 1 (Anderson 45) Att: 25,000

Guingamp 2 (Rodriguez 29, Tasfaout 44)
Strasbourg 1 (Ljuboja 23) Att: 10,000

Lens 1 (Diouf 77)
Sedan 1 (Breugnot 57) Att: 35,000

Monaco 1 (Marquez 35)
Auxerre 1 (Guivarc'h 61) Att: 5,000

Nantes 1 (Vahirua 72)
Rennes 0 Att: 20,000

Saint-Etienne 2 (Mettomo 52, Alex 74)
Metz 0 Att: 29,000

Toulouse 2 (Dieuze 24, 42)
Paris SG 3 (Robert 13, pen 77, Rabesandratana 69) Att: 25,000

Troyes 0
Bastia 0 Att: 14,000

Sunday, October 22

Marseille 0
Lille 1 (Beck 70) Att: 45,000

Saturday, October 28

Strasbourg 1 (Luyindula 10)
Marseille 1 (Weah 55) Att: 32,000

Sunday, October 29

Bastia 0
Saint-Etienne 0 Att: 7,000

Lille 1 (Boutoille 84)
Toulouse 0 Att: 9,000

Metz 2 (Jager 38, Baticle 67)
Lens 1 (Sibierski 22) Att: 19,000

Lyon 2 (Govou 29, 90)
Auxerre 2 (Guivarc'h 28, Tainio 64) Att: 30,000

Paris SG 1 (Distin 90)
Bordeaux 2 (Pauleta 24, 76) Att: 43,432

Sedan 2 (N'Diaye 23, Brogno 67)
Nantes 0 Att: 12,000

Rennes 1 (Chapuis 50)
Guingamp 2 (Fiorese 32, 70) Att: 25,000

Troyes 1 (Djukic 69)
Monaco 0 Att: 11,000

FRANCE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Paris SG	13	7	3	3	27	18	24
Lille	13	6	4	3	15	9	22
Sedan	13	6	4	3	18	14	22
Bastia	13	6	3	4	15	12	21
Guingamp	13	6	3	4	17	15	21
Bordeaux	13	5	5	3	19	14	20
Troyes	13	5	5	3	18	15	20
Monaco	13	5	4	4	19	16	19
Nantes	13	5	3	5	19	19	18
Metz	13	5	3	5	12	14	18
Lens	13	4	5	4	13	14	17
Lyon	12	3	7	2	14	12	16
Rennes	13	4	3	6	14	13	15
Auxerre	13	4	3	6	13	16	15
Marseille	13	4	3	6	13	16	15
Saint-Etienne	13	3	5	5	19	22	14
Strasbourg	13	3	2	8	12	30	11
Toulouse	12	1	3	8	10	18	6

LEADING GOALSCORERS

9	Laurent Robert (Paris SG)
7	Sladjan Djukic (Troyes)
7	Frederic Nee (Bastia)
6	Alex (Saint-Etienne)
6	Sonny Anderson (Lyon)
6	Nicolas Anelka (Paris SG)
6	Pauleta (Bordeaux)
6	Bruno Rodriguez (Guingamp)

GERMANY

Friday, October 13

Borussia Dortmund 1 (Heinrich 83)
Freiburg 0 Att: 58,000

Saturday, October 14

Energie Cottbus 1 (Sebok 16)
Bayern Munich 0 Att: 20,500

Koln 2 (Timm 83, Kurth 86)
Bochum 0 Att: 33,500

Schalke 4 (Bohme 38, 53, Latal 51, Happe 62)
Eintracht Frankfurt 0 Att: 44,100

Stuttgart 3 (Listzes 21, Dundee 29, 46)
Hamburg 3 (Kovac 18, Barbarez 31, 59) Att: 35,000

1860 Munich 0
Kaiserslautern 4 (H Koch pen 14, Lokvenc 55, Pettersson 83, Reich 87) Att: 33,500

Werder Bremen 3 (Baumann 71, Bode 88, Ailton pen 90)
Bayer Leverkusen 3 (Neuville 20, 55, Ballack pen 81) Att: 29,053

Sunday, October 15

Hansa Rostock 0
Hertha 2 (Deisler 4, Beinlich 47) Att: 16,500

Unterhaching 0
Wolfsburg 3 (Kuhbauer 39, Juskowiak 54, Akpoborie 63) Att: 7,500

Friday, October 20

Kaiserslautern 2 (Pettersson 14, Klose 85)
Werder Bremen 0 Att: 39,229

Saturday, October 21

Bayer Leverkusen 2 (Nowotny 25, Neuville 62)
Borussia Dortmund 0 Att: 22,500

Bayern Munich 3 (Elber 45, 64, Salihamidzic 56)
1860 Munich 1 (Hassler 75) Att: 69,000

Hamburg 2 (Barbarez 35, Kovac 69)
Eintracht Frankfurt 0 Att: 41,250

Hertha 3 (Wosz 42, Roy 66, Sverrisson 85)
Energie Cottbus 1 (Labak 20) Att: 49,452

Stuttgart 2 (Seitz 26, Balakov pen 85)
Unterhaching 2 (Rraklli 9, Spizak 31) Att: 20,000

Wolfsburg 6 (Kuhbauer 3, Nowak 18, Akpoborie 29, Sebescen 38, Maric 67, Akonnor pen 90)
Koln 0 Att: 15,816

Sunday, October 22

Bochum 1 (Weber 56)
Hansa Rostock 2 (Arvidsson 67, Kovacec 77) Att: 17,871

Freiburg 3 (Zeyer 33, Schumann 80, Ramdane 90)
Schalke 1 (Waldoch 74) Att: 25,000

Friday, October 27

Energie Cottbus 2 (Micevski 29, Miriuta 43)
Bochum 0 Att: 14,895

Saturday, October 28

Borussia Dortmund 1 (Evanilson 64)
Kaiserslautern 2 (Hristov 12, Reich 88) Att: 62,000

Schalke 0
Bayer Leverkusen 0 Att: 41,545

Hansa Rostock 1 (Majak 89)
Wolfsburg 1 (Rydlewicz og 38) Att: 15,000

Eintracht Frankfurt 3 (Reichenberger 10, Fjortoft 21, Branco 84)
Freiburg 0 Att: 23,800

Unterhaching 2 (Straube 87, Spizak 90)
Hamburg 1 (Kientz 12) Att: 12,000

Werder Bremen 1 (Ailton pen 12)
Bayern Munich 1 (Paulo Sergio 6) Att: 36,000

Sunday, October 29

Koln 3 (Springer 30, 36, Lottner 75)
Stuttgart 2 (Ganea 28, Thiam 41) Att: 32,000

1860 Munich 0
Hertha 1 (Sverrisson 90) Att: 27,500

GERMANY

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hertha	10	7	0	3	24	14	21
Bayern Munich	10	6	1	3	20	10	19
Schalke	10	5	3	2	20	8	18
Kaiserslautern	10	5	2	3	13	9	17
B Leverkusen	10	4	4	2	13	11	16
B Dortmund	10	5	1	4	15	16	16
Wolfsburg	10	4	3	3	24	15	15
Hamburg	10	4	3	3	22	19	15
Eintracht	10	4	2	4	14	14	14
Hansa Rostock	10	4	2	4	7	14	14
Freiburg	10	3	3	4	13	11	12
1860 Munich	10	3	3	4	12	16	12
Koln	10	3	2	5	15	21	11
Werder Bremen	10	2	4	4	13	15	10
Stuttgart	10	2	4	4	16	20	10
Energie Cottbus	10	3	1	6	11	20	10
Bochum	10	3	1	6	8	19	10
Unterhaching	10	2	3	5	11	19	9

LEADING GOALSCORERS
8 Sergej Barbarez (Hamburg)
6 Paul Agostino (1860 Munich)
6 Jonathan Akpoborie (Wolfsburg)
6 Heiko Herrlich (Borussia Dortmund)
6 Carsten Jancker (Bayern Munich)
6 Emile Mpenza (Schalke)
6 Ebbe Sand (Schalke)

GREECE

Oct 29: Ionikos 0 AEK 2; Athinaikos 3 Kalamata 2; Panionios 0 Xanthi 0; Iraklis 2 Giannina 1; OFI 0 Panathinaikos 0; Paniliakos 0 Olympiakos 3.
Oct 30: Ethnikos A 3 Panahaiki 1.
Nov 1: Aris 4 PAOK 0.

GREECE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Olympiakos	4	3	1	0	14	4	10
AEK	4	3	1	0	9	2	10
Aris	4	3	1	0	10	4	10
Panathinaikos	4	2	2	0	6	3	8
Iraklis	4	2	1	1	4	3	7
Ethnikos A	4	2	1	1	6	9	7
Xanthi	4	1	3	0	4	3	6
PAOK	4	1	2	1	4	6	5
Panahaiki	4	1	1	2	5	7	4
Ionikos	4	1	1	2	4	6	4
Panionios	4	0	3	1	2	4	3
Athinaikos	4	1	0	3	4	9	3
Kalamata	4	0	2	2	3	5	2
OFI	4	0	2	2	3	5	2
Paniliakos	4	0	2	2	1	5	2
Giannina	4	0	1	3	4	8	1

HOLLAND

Friday, October 13

AZ 3 (Nelisse 21, Van Galen 31, Boussatta 73)
NAC 1 (Cristiano 82) Att: 6,762

Saturday, October 14

Heerenveen 1 (Talan 19)
RKC 1 (Human 48) Att: 14,200

PSV 0
NEC 0 Att: 30,000

Roda JC 2 (Anastasiou 19, 60)
Groningen 0 Att: 13,000

Twente 1 (Vennegoor of Hesselink 33)
Fortuna 1 (Gerritsen 49) Att: 12,900

Willem II 6 (Landzaat 28, Ceesay 43, Bombarda 47, Arts pen 64, Van der Gaag og 75, Abdellaoui 88)
Utrecht 2 (Gluscevic 56, 69) Att: 13,800

Sunday, October 15

RBC 2 (Vos 20, Cales 27)
De Graafschap 4 (Turpijn 14, Tchangai 30, Valeev 35, Frankel 73) Att: 5,371

Sparta 1 (Marbus 40)
Feyenoord 4 (Korneev pen 32, Bosvelt 85, Paauwe 88, Kalou 90) Att: 11,000

Vitesse 3 (Sikora 9, Janssen 60, Amoah 75)
Ajax 2 (Machlas 33, Chivu pen 52) Att: 27,500

Friday, October 20

Ajax 4 (Galasek 16, Chivu pen 36, Van der Vaart 67, Hose 85)
Roda JC 2 (Van der Luer 73, Tchoutang 90) Att: 35,000

Saturday, October 21

Feyenoord 2 (Leonardo 13, Korneev 54)
Heerenveen 0 Att: 45,000

De Graafschap 1 (Berck Beelenkamp 66)
Willem II 1 (Arts 75) Att: 9,750

Twente 3 (Van der Leegte 14, 81, Booth 58)
Sparta 1 (Elkhattabi 20) Att: 13,200

Sunday, October 22

AZ 0
Vitesse 2 (Amoah 42, Sikora 86) Att: 6,825

Groningen 4 (Leonardo 30, Curovic 46, 67, Hugo 64)
Fortuna 0 Att: 10,800

Utrecht 5 (Gluscevic 8, 21, 35, 52, Kuijt 53)
RBC 3 (Blinker 6, 17, Vos pen 90) Att: 13,800

Friday, October 27

AZ 5 (Kromkamp 10, Van Galen 29, Nelisse 83, 84, Dibi 89)
Twente 0 Att: 6,410

Fortuna 1 (Hamming 66)
NAC 2 (Cristiano 5, Sergio 38) Att: 8,400

Saturday, October 28

Heerenveen 1 (Lurling 50)
De Graafschap 0 Att: 14,100

Sunday, October 29

NEC 3 (Collen 45, Hristov 70, 85)
Willem II 0 Att: 9,000

PSV 1 (Bruggink pen 79)
Ajax 1 (Machlas 16) Att: 33,500

Roda JC 0
RKC 1 (Hoogendorp 23) Att: 12,000

Sparta 2 (Elkhattabi 25, Marbus 61)
Groningen 0 Att: 6,108

Utrecht 1 (Dombi 31)
Feyenoord 1 (Kalou 55) Att: 13,400

HOLLAND

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Vitesse	9	7	1	1	23	12	22
Feyenoord	7	6	1	0	17	6	19
NAC	9	5	1	3	17	10	16
NEC	9	3	6	0	16	9	15
Ajax	10	4	3	3	21	15	15
PSV	8	4	3	1	12	7	15
RKC	10	4	3	3	10	9	15
Willem II	9	3	4	2	16	14	13
Twente	10	3	4	3	16	19	13
Roda JC	8	3	3	2	15	12	12
AZ	9	4	0	5	18	18	12
Heerenveen	8	3	3	2	10	10	12
Utrecht	9	3	2	4	17	19	11
Groningen	11	3	2	6	15	21	11
De Graafschap	10	3	1	6	15	19	10
Sparta	9	2	1	6	15	23	7
RBC	9	1	0	8	14	26	3
Fortuna	8	0	2	6	4	22	2

LEADING GOALSCORERS
10 Ali Elkhattabi (Sparta)
9 Georgi Hristov (NEC)
9 Robin Nelisse (AZ)
7 Matthew Amoah (Vitesse)
7 Igor Gluscevic (Utrecht)
6 Yannis Anastasiou (Roda JC)
6 Martin Drent (Groningen)

HUNGARY

GROUP A

Oct 14: Tatabanya 2 Kispest-Honved 0; Matav 2 Gyor 1; Haladas 1 Dunaferr 1.
Oct 16: Ferencvaros 2 Nyiregyhaza 0.
Oct 20: Kispest-Honved 2 Haladas 0.
Oct 21: Ferencvaros 2 Matav 1; Nyiregyhaza 2 Dunaferr 5; Tatabanya 3 Gyor 3.
Oct 27: Haladas 1 Nyiregyhaza 0.
Oct 28: Matav 0 Kispest-Honved 0; Dunaferr 2 Gyor 1.
Oct 29: Tatabanya 1 Ferencvaros 0.

HUNGARY – GROUP A: FINAL

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Dunaferr	14	8	5	1	37	20	29
Tatabanya	14	8	5	1	29	18	29
Ferencvaros	14	6	3	5	23	21	21
Matav	14	6	2	6	21	23	20
Gyor	14	5	3	6	21	23	18
Kispest-Honved	14	3	6	5	18	20	15
Haladas	14	3	4	7	14	24	13
Nyiregyhaza	14	3	0	11	10	24	9

GROUP B

Oct 8: Nagykanizsa 0 MTK 5.
Oct 13: Debrecen 3 Videoton 1.
Oct 14: Zalaegerszeg 0 Ujpest 2; MTK 1 Vasas 2; Pecs 5 Nagykanizsa 1.
Oct 21: Zalaegerszeg 2 MTK 1; Ujpest 4 Nagykanizsa 2; Videoton 3 Pecs 2.
Oct 22: Vasas 3 Debrecen 1.
Oct 28: Debrecen 4 Zalaegerszeg 1; Pecs 1 Ujpest 1; Nagykanizsa 0 Vasas 4.
Oct 29: MTK 2 Videoton 3.

HUNGARY – GROUP B: FINAL

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
MTK	14	8	3	3	32	13	27
Ujpest	14	7	4	3	33	19	25
Vasas	14	7	4	3	24	11	25
Debrecen	14	7	2	5	27	20	23
Videoton	14	6	3	5	21	22	21
Zalaegerszeg	14	3	7	4	12	22	16
Pecs	14	2	3	9	13	24	9
Nagykanizsa	14	2	2	10	12	43	8

Top six from each group qualify to play in new First Division; bottom two play in Second Division

ICELAND

ICELAND – FINAL STANDINGS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
KR	18	11	4	3	27	14	37
Fylkir	18	10	5	3	39	16	35
Grindavik	18	8	6	4	25	18	30
IBV	18	8	5	5	29	17	29
IA	18	7	5	6	21	17	26
Keflavik	18	4	7	7	21	35	19
Breidablik	18	5	3	10	29	35	18
Fram	18	4	5	9	22	33	17
Stjarnan	18	4	5	9	18	31	17
Leiftur	18	3	7	8	24	39	16

ITALY

Saturday, October 14

Inter 3 (Di Biagio 10, Zamorano 38, Blanc 45)
Napoli 1 (Sesa 60) Att: 62,655

Lazio 3 (Crespo 43, Mihajlovic pen 68, Inzaghi 78)
Perugia 0 Att: 38,582

Sunday, October 15

Bologna 2 (Bia 19, Piacentini 90)
Milan 1 (Shevchenko 61) Att: 34,631

Brescia 0
Parma 0 Att: 13,291

Fiorentina 2 (Nuno Gomes 86, Leandro 90)
Reggina 1 (Marazzina 68) Att: 26,868

Juventus 2 (Kovacevic 3, Zidane pen 90)
Bari 0 Att: 35,866

Lecce 0
Roma 4 (Batistuta 42, 80, Tommasi 47, Totti pen 90) Att: 18,332

Verona 1 (Gilardino 50)
Udinese 1 (Muzzi 64) Att: 12,864

Vicenza 1 (Toni 52)
Atalanta 2 (Doni 68, Rossini 80) Att: 13,937

Saturday, October 21

Milan 2 (Ambrosini 59, Shevchenko 60)
Juventus 2 (Trezeguet 67, Conte 90) Att: 81,954

Udinese 3 (Fiore pen 28, Muzzi 63, Iaquinta pen 90)
Inter 0 Att: 27,438

Sunday, October 22

Roma 3 (Totti 39, Montella 79, Batistuta 86)
Vicenza 1 (Kallon 85) Att: 56,537

Bari 0
Atalanta 2 (Rossini 50, Ventola 54) Att: 11,154

Brescia 1 (Hubner 50)
Fiorentina 1 (Leandro 70) Att: 16,208

Napoli 1 (Moriero 63)
Bologna 5 (Wome 4, Baldini og 24, Signori 52, 76, Cruz 90) Att: 33,456

Perugia 3 (Bucchi 4, Materazzi 11, Tedesco 20)
Parma 1 (Micoud 79) Att: 7,690

Reggina 0
Lecce 1 (Lucarelli pen 35) Att: 23,056

Verona 2 (Favalli og 53, Mutu 77)
Lazio 0 Att: 18,461

Wednesday, November 1

Atalanta 3 (Rossini 38, D Zenoni 45, Ventola 90)
Verona 0 Att: 17,000

Bologna 2 (Oliveira 58, Binotto 81)
Reggina 0 Att: 25,000

Fiorentina 2 (Rui Costa 30, Nuno Gomes 87)
Bari 2 (Masinga 67, Cassano 80) Att: 28,000

Inter 2 (Hakan 19, Recoba 68)
Roma 0 Att: 65,000

Juventus 1 (Del Piero pen 78)
Udinese 2 (Sosa 23, 68) Att: 40,000

Lazio 2 (Inzaghi pen 33, 78)
Brescia 1 (Hubner pen 4) Att: 45,000

Lecce 1 (Vugrinec 74)
Napoli 1 (Fresi pen 68) Att: 16,068

Parma 2 (Mboma 5, 66)
Milan 0 Att: 22,000

Vicenza 1 (Kallon pen 90)
Perugia 0 Att: 12,000

ITALY

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Udinese	4	3	1	0	10	4	10
Atalanta	4	3	1	0	9	3	10
Roma	4	3	0	1	9	3	9
Bologna	4	3	0	1	9	4	9
Juventus	4	2	1	1	7	5	7
Lazio	4	2	1	1	7	5	7
Fiorentina	4	1	3	0	7	6	6
Inter	4	2	0	2	6	6	6
Parma	4	1	2	1	5	5	5
Verona	4	1	2	1	4	5	5
Lecce	4	1	2	1	3	6	5
Milan	4	1	1	2	5	6	4
Perugia	4	1	1	2	4	6	4
Reggina	4	1	0	3	3	6	3
Vicenza	4	1	0	3	3	7	3
Brescia	4	0	2	2	4	7	2
Bari	4	0	2	2	3	7	2
Napoli	4	0	1	3	4	11	1

LEADING GOALSCORERS
4 Simone Inzaghi (Lazio)
3 Gabriel Batistuta (Roma)
3 Roberto Muzzi (Udinese)
3 Fausto Rossini (Atalanta)
3 Andrii Shevchenko (Milan)
3 Roberto Sosa (Udinese)
3 Francesco Totti (Roma)

NORWAY

Oct 14: Molde 2 Stabaek 4.
Oct 15: Lillestrom 1 Brann 2; Odd Grenland 4 Valerenga 0; Rosenborg 9 Bryne 0; Start 2 Bodo/Glimt 2; Tromso 5 Haugesund 2; Viking 1 Moss 2.
Oct 18: Start 3 Lillestrom 4.
Oct 21: Moss 1 Rosenborg 1.
Oct 22: Bodo/Glimt 1 Tromso 4; Brann 4 Molde 0; Bryne 1 Odd Grenland 0; Haugesund 1 Lillestrom 0; Stabaek 1 Viking 1; Valerenga 3 Start 0.

NORWAY – FINAL STANDINGS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rosenborg	26	16	6	4	61	26	54
Brann	26	14	5	7	53	40	47
Viking	26	13	6	7	51	39	45
Tromso	26	13	5	8	51	46	44
Stabaek	26	12	6	8	59	33	42
Lillestrom	26	11	7	8	42	29	40
Molde	26	11	7	8	46	47	40
Odd Grenland	26	11	5	10	40	31	38
Moss	26	8	8	10	38	44	32
Bodo/Glimt	26	6	10	10	48	59	28
Bryne	26	7	6	13	32	60	27
Valerenga	26	5	9	12	32	44	24
Start	26	5	6	15	40	66	21
Haugesund	26	5	4	17	33	62	19

POLAND

Oct 14: Polonia 2 R Radzionkow 1; Pogon 3 Widzew 0; Odra 2 Groclin 1; Katowice 1 Legia 0; R Chorzow 1 Orlen 1; Amica 3 Gornik 0; Stomil 1 Zaglebie 3.
Oct 15: Slask 0 Wisla 1.
Oct 21: Orlen 2 Amica 6; Legia 3 Slask 1; R Radzionkow 0 Stomil 0; Groclin 0 Polonia 0; Gornik 1 Pogon 0.
Oct 22: Wisla 2 R Chorzow 0; Zaglebie 1 Katowice 0; Widzew 4 Odra 1.
Oct 28: Odra 0 Gornik 0; Polonia 3 Widzew 1; Stomil 0 Groclin 0; Katowice 3 R Radzionkow 0; Slask 2 Zaglebie 1; R Chorzow 1 Legia 4.
Oct 29: Amica 1 Pogon 2; Orlen 0 Wisla 5.

POLAND

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wisla	12	10	1	1	32	6	31
Pogon	12	8	2	2	17	8	26
Legia	12	7	4	1	18	7	25
Polonia	12	7	3	2	17	9	24
Amica	12	6	3	3	25	16	21
Zaglebie	12	6	1	5	17	14	19
Widzew	12	4	3	5	19	22	15
Odra	12	4	3	5	11	17	15
Stomil	12	4	3	5	10	16	15
Katowice	12	2	7	3	7	7	13
Groclin	12	3	4	5	12	16	13
Slask	12	3	3	6	13	19	12
Orlen	12	3	2	7	13	24	11
Gornik	12	2	3	7	10	16	9
R Chorzow	12	2	3	7	11	22	9
R Radzionkow	12	2	1	9	9	22	7

PORTUGAL

Friday, October 13

Boavista 1 (Rogerio 47)
Pacos Ferreira 0

Saturday, October 14

Aves 3 (Rui Lima 32, Quinzinho 49, Cruz og 51)
Sporting Lisbon 4 (Dimas 18, 50, Sa Pinto 55, Acosta pen 65)

Sporting Braga 3 (Barroso pen 11, Feher 68, Deus 81)
Gil Vicente 1 (Casquilla 37)

Uniao Leiria 1 (Duah 56)
Maritimo 0

Sunday, October 15

Beira Mar 0
Farense 2 (Carlos Fernandez 22, Hassan 88)

Benfica 1 (Marchena 34)
Belenenses 0

Estrela Amadora 4 (Gaucho pen 34, 87, Igor 43, Semedo 78)
Campomaiorense 0

FC Porto 2 (Chainho 19, Pena 88)
Guimaraes 0

Salgueiros 3 (Neves 31, Edu 73, 90)
Alverca 1 (Mantorras 84)

Friday, October 20

Campomaiorense 0
Boavista 0

Saturday, October 21

Sporting Lisbon 0
FC Porto 1 (Pena 70)

Pacos Ferreira 0
Benfica 0

Sunday, October 22

Alverca 5 (Ramires 21, 59, Milinkovic 26, Rui Borges 30, Caju 44)
Aves 1 (Verissimo og 82)

Gil Vicente 0
Salgueiros 2 (Basilio 20, Litera 59)

Belenenses 2 (Guga 19, Verona 76)
Sporting Braga 1 (Edmilson 59)

Maritimo 2 (Shannon 66, Lagorio 87)
Estrela Amadora 0

Farense 1 (Marco Nuno 54)
Uniao Leiria 1 (Derlei 79)

Guimaraes 1 (Congo 37)
Beira Mar 1 (Vitor Silva 15)

Friday, October 27

Sporting Braga 2 (Edmilson 18, Barroso 36)
Salgueiros 0

Sunday, October 29

Aves 1 (Douala 20)
Gil Vicente 0

Beira Mar 0
Sporting Lisbon 1 (Pedro Barbosa 74)

Belenenses 0
Pacos Ferreira 0

Benfica 2 (Joao Tomas 75, 86)
Campomaiorense 0

Estrela Amadora 1 (Gaucho 24)
Farense 2 (Nader 44, 65)

Uniao Leiria 1 (Derlei 77)
Guimaraes 1 (Lima pen 43)

Monday, October 30

Boavista 3 (Duda 16, Sanchez 65, Jorge Silva 86)
Maritimo 1 (Mariano 10)

FC Porto 6 (Deco 33, 39, Verissimo og 37, Pena pen 66, 90, Pizzi 90)
Alverca 0

PORTUGAL

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
FC Porto	9	8	0	1	22	4	24
Sporting Braga	9	6	2	1	16	9	20
Sporting Lisbon	9	6	1	2	17	9	19
Boavista	9	5	3	1	16	7	18
Salgueiros	9	6	0	3	13	10	18
Belenenses	9	4	4	1	12	7	16
Benfica	9	4	3	2	12	8	15
Pacos Ferreira	9	4	2	3	14	8	14
Farense	9	4	2	3	11	10	14
Maritimo	9	4	1	4	8	8	13
Uniao Leiria	9	2	5	2	9	13	11
Guimaraes	9	2	3	4	12	15	9
Alverca	9	2	3	4	11	17	9
Aves	9	2	2	5	13	19	8
Campomaiorense	9	0	5	4	6	18	5
Estrela Amadora	9	1	1	7	7	15	4
Beira Mar	9	0	3	6	9	19	3
Gil Vicente	9	0	2	7	3	15	2

LEADING GOALSCORERS

10	Pena (FC Porto)
8	Miklos Feher (Sporting Braga)
7	Alberto Acosta (Sporting Lisbon)
7	Nader Hassan (Farense)

ROMANIA

Oct 13: Otelul 1 U Craiova 1.
Oct 14: Arges 1 Gloria 1; Bacau 1 Brasov 1; Gaz Metan 1 Foresta 1; Petrolul 1 Rocar 1; Steaua 1 Astra 3.
Oct 15: Ceahlaul 3 Dinamo 3; Rapid 2 National 2.
Oct 20: Astra 2 Otelul 1; Brasov 1 Petrolul 0.
Oct 21: Foresta 2 Arges 2; Gloria 2 Bacau 1; Rapid 1 Ceahlaul 1; U Craiova 2 Gaz Metan 1.
Oct 22: Rocar 1 Dinamo 3; National 1 Steaua 2.
Oct 27: Arges 3 U Craiova 0.
Oct 28: Ceahlaul 2 Rocar 0; Bacau 1 Foresta 1; Gaz Metan 0 Astra 0; Otelul 1 National 2; Petrolul 3 Gloria 0.
Oct 29: Dinamo 2 Brasov 0; Steaua 0 Rapid 0.

ROMANIA

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Steaua	11	6	3	2	21	16	21
U Craiova	11	6	3	2	14	10	21
Petrolul	11	6	2	3	17	11	20
Dinamo	11	5	3	3	20	16	18
Arges	11	5	3	3	15	14	18
Brasov	11	5	3	3	6	5	18
Otelul	11	4	3	4	16	15	15
Rapid	11	3	5	3	11	10	14
Rocar	11	4	2	5	18	19	14
Astra	11	4	2	5	11	12	14
Foresta	11	3	5	3	14	16	14
Bacau	11	3	4	4	16	17	13
Gloria	11	3	3	5	9	14	12
National	11	3	2	6	16	18	11
Ceahlaul	11	2	4	5	12	18	10
Gaz Metan	11	1	3	7	7	12	6

RUSSIA

Oct 14: Rotor 3 Saturn 0; Lokomotiv M 3 Rostselmash 0; Uralan 0 Alaniya 2; CSKA 5 Lokomotiv NN 0; Fakel 2 Chernomorets 2; Kryliya Sovetov 0 Zenit 1; Anzhi 2 Dinamo 2.
Oct 21: Alaniya 0 Lokomotiv M 0; Rostselmash 2 Kryliya Sovetov 0; Chernomorets 3 Rotor 0; Saturn 0 Anzhi 0; Dinamo 3 Lokomotiv NN 1.
Oct 22: Torpedo 2 Fakel 0; Uralan 1 CSKA 5.
Oct 29: Zenit 1 Spartak 2.

RUSSIA

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Spartak	28	21	1	6	66	29	64
Lokomotiv M	28	17	8	3	38	16	59
Torpedo	28	14	7	7	39	28	49
Anzhi	28	14	7	7	38	27	49
Dinamo	28	13	8	7	44	34	47
Chernomorets	28	12	10	6	44	26	46
Zenit	28	12	7	9	35	25	43
CSKA	28	11	5	12	41	35	38
Alaniya	28	10	8	10	31	33	38
Saturn	28	9	9	10	25	29	36
Rotor	28	8	8	12	34	50	32
Rostselmash	28	6	13	9	23	25	31
Fakel	28	6	10	12	24	44	28
Kryliya Sovetov	28	6	5	17	23	45	23
Lokomotiv NN	28	3	8	17	16	43	17
Uralan	28	2	6	20	16	48	12

SCOTLAND

Saturday, October 14

Aberdeen 0
Dundee 2 (Bonetti 29, Caniggia 90) Att: 14,750

Celtic 2 (Sutton 33, Larsson 85)
St Mirren 0 Att: 60,002

Dundee Utd 0
Hearts 4 (Tomaschek 8, Kirk 25, 30, James 80) Att: 7,016

Hibernian 1 (Zitelli 23)
Rangers 0 Att: 14,523

Kilmarnock 2 (Canero pen 37, Holt 83)
Dunfermline 1 (Crawford 30) Att: 6,436

Motherwell 4 (Dods og 20, McCulloch 26, Brannan 64, Elliott 71)
St Johnstone 0 Att: 4,483

Saturday, October 21

Aberdeen 0
Dunfermline 0 Att: 15,298

Celtic 2 (Larsson 34, Thompson 62)
Dundee Utd 1 (Lambert og 78) Att: 59,427

Dundee 1 (Caniggia 21)
Motherwell 2 (Elliott 1, 5) Att: 7,344

Kilmarnock 2 (McLaren 47, Mahood 59)
St Mirren 1 (Yardley 29) Att: 7,861

Sunday, October 22

Hibernian 6 (Paatelainen 43, 45, 74, Zitelli 51, O'Neil 81, Latapy 84)
Hearts 2 (Kirk 17, Cameron 89) Att: 12,926

St Johnstone 2 (Parker pen 17, Sylla 67)
Rangers 1 (Miller 56) Att: 7,763

Saturday, October 28

Dundee Utd 0
Hibernian 1 (McManus 81) Att: 8,042

Dunfermline 1 (Moss 61)
Dundee 0 Att: 6,397

Rangers 0
Kilmarnock 3 (Cocard 5, Holt 32, Numan og 67) Att: 49,569

Hearts 0
St Johnstone 3 (Parker pen 49, Connolly 62, 89) Att: 10,884

St Mirren 2 (Walker 24, Gillies 53)
Aberdeen 0 Att: 5,763

Sunday, October 29

Motherwell 3 (Adams 22, McCulloch 53, Brannan pen 78)
Celtic 3 (Mjallby 13, Valgaeren 57, McNamara 71) Att: 10,820

SCOTLAND

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Celtic	13	11	2	0	31	12	35
Hibernian	13	10	2	1	27	7	32
Kilmarnock	13	8	2	3	19	12	26
Rangers	12	7	1	4	22	18	22
St Johnstone	13	4	5	4	14	18	17
Dundee	13	4	4	5	15	13	16
Hearts	13	4	4	5	19	20	16
Dunfermline	13	3	4	6	9	17	13
Aberdeen	12	2	6	4	11	15	12
Motherwell	13	3	3	7	14	19	12
St Mirren	13	3	1	9	9	18	10
Dundee Utd	13	0	2	11	7	28	2

LEADING GOALSCORERS

13	Henrik Larsson (Celtic)
7	Billy Dodds (Rangers)
7	Mixu Paatelainen (Hibernian)
6	Juan Sara (Dundee)
6	Chris Sutton (Celtic)
6	Robbie Winters (Aberdeen)

SPAIN

Saturday, October 14

Espanyol 0
Rayo Vallecano 0 Att: 12,100

Las Palmas 2 (Oulare 77, Orlando 82)
Malaga 1 (Valcarce 60) Att: 18,000

Real Sociedad 0
Barcelona 6 (Rivaldo 3, pen 31, Alfonso 17, 22, Luis Enrique 36, Simao 41) Att: 25,000

Real Madrid 2 (Raul 19, Hierro pen 45, Guti 87)
La Coruna 0 Att: 75,000

Villarreal 1 (Moises 65)
Valencia 1 (Sanchez 59) Att: 16,000

Sunday, October 15

Celta Vigo 1 (Karpin 4)
Alaves 1 (Javi Moreno pen 3) Att: 21,000

Numancia 0
Athletic Bilbao 0 Att: 10,000

Osasuna 0
Oviedo 0 Att: 14,938

Mallorca 2 (Luque 52, Carlos 85)
Racing Santander 1 (Rushfeldt 45) Att: 14,695

Zaragoza 0
Valladolid 0 Att: 24,000

Wednesday, October 18

Espanyol 1 (Galca pen 35)
Real Sociedad 2 (Arif pen 14, Aranzabal 39) Att: 7,500

Saturday, October 21

Barcelona 2 (Luis Enrique 27, Simao 79)
Real Madrid 0 Att: 98,000

La Coruna 1 (Valeron 78)
Mallorca 1 (Luque 85) Att: 24,000

Valencia 1 (Mendieta 65)
Zaragoza 0 Att: 45,000

Sunday, October 22

Alaves 1 (Ivan Alonso 75)
Espanyol 0 Att: 13,388

Athletic Bilbao 0
Las Palmas 3 (Guayre 10, Alvaro 58, Josico 89) Att: 32,000

Malaga 2 (Dely Valdes 23, 30)
Villarreal 1 (Craioveanu pen 73) Att: 13,000

Racing Santander 4 (Preciado 23, 38, Amavisca pen 59, pen 89)
Numancia 2 (Ojeda 13, Jose Manuel 77) Att: 14,000

Rayo Vallecano 4 (Michel I 10, 65, 72, Glaucio 19)
Real Sociedad 1 (Jauregi 24) Att: 8,500

Oviedo 3 (Losada 15, Oli 42, 90)
Celta Vigo 1 (Giovanella 70) Att: 24,000

Valladolid 1 (Kaviedes pen 36)
Osasuna 1 (Crutxaga 45) Att: 11,000

Saturday, October 28

Las Palmas 2 (Oulare 28, pen 82)
Racing Santander 1 (Amavisca pen 52) Att: 18,069

Mallorca 2 (Eto'o 11, Ibagaza 50)
Barcelona 0 Att: 22,400

Numancia 1 (Ruben Navarro 59)
La Coruna 2 (Donato 14, Fernando 29) Att: 10,000

Villarreal 0
Athletic Bilbao 0 Att: 17,000

Zaragoza 1 (Montenegro 57)
Malaga 1 (Dario Silva 49) Att: 20,000

Sunday, October 29

Celta Vigo 2 (Karpin 33, Edu 77)
Valladolid 1 (Ciric 89) Att: 21,000

Espanyol 2 (Sergio 19, Tamudo 59)
Oviedo 0 Att: 18,100

Osasuna 1 (Mateo 6)
Valencia 2 (Crutxaga og 18, Carew 85) Att: 16,157

Rayo Vallecano 0
Alaves 1 (Javi Moreno 4) Att: 5,000

Real Sociedad 1 (Jankauskas 77)
Real Madrid 4 (Guti 13, Hierro pen 41, Figo 46, Savio 62) Att: 25,000

SPAIN

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Valencia	7	5	1	1	17	5	16
Real Madrid	7	4	2	1	16	8	14
Alaves	7	4	2	1	10	4	14
La Coruna	7	4	2	1	11	6	14
Celta Vigo	7	4	1	2	11	9	13
Rayo Vallecano	7	3	3	1	14	5	12
Barcelona	7	4	0	3	14	9	12
Las Palmas	7	3	2	2	11	13	11
Villarreal	7	2	3	2	5	8	9
Valladolid	7	1	5	1	6	5	8
Oviedo	7	2	2	3	7	8	8
Malaga	7	2	2	3	10	12	8
Mallorca	7	2	2	3	7	10	8
Athletic Bilbao	7	2	2	3	6	11	8
Espanyol	7	2	1	4	6	7	7
Numancia	7	2	1	4	7	12	7
Osasuna	7	1	3	3	6	10	6
Racing Santander	7	1	2	4	9	14	5
Real Sociedad	7	1	2	4	8	22	5
Zaragoza	7	0	4	3	5	8	4

LEADING GOALSCORERS

6 Javi Moreno (Alaves)
6 Juan Sanchez (Valencia)
5 Guti (Real Madrid)
4 Julio Cesar Dely Valdes (Malaga)
4 Gaizka Mendieta (Valencia)
4 Michel I (Rayo Vallecano)
4 Rivaldo (Barcelona)
3 Catanha (Celta Vigo)

SWEDEN

Oct 14: Hacken 3 Helsingborgs 1.
Oct 15: Halmstads 2 Vastra Frolunda 0; Trelleborgs 2 AIK 1.
Oct 16: Elfsborg 3 IFK Gothenburg 0; Orebro 0 GAIS 2; Orgryte 1 Sundsvall 0.
Oct 17: Hammarby 3 Norrkoping 2.
Oct 21: AIK 1 Halmstads 0; Helsingborgs 1 Elfsborg 1.
Oct 22: IFK Gothenburg 3 Trelleborgs 0; Sundsvall 3 Hacken 3.
Oct 23: GAIS 2 Hammarby 4; Norrkoping 1 Orgryte 1; Vastra Frolunda 0 Orebro 4.
Oct 28: Hammarby 0 Helsingborgs 2; Trelleborgs 3 Vastra Frolunda 0; Orebro 2 Sundsvall 3; Orgryte 1 IFK Gothenburg 2.
Oct 29: Elfsborg 0 Halmstads 2; GAIS 3 Norrkoping 0; Hacken 2 AIK 2.

SWEDEN

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Halmstads	25	16	4	5	46	22	52
AIK	25	13	5	7	37	29	44
Helsingborgs	25	13	4	8	47	29	43
Elfsborg	25	13	3	9	42	36	42
IFK Gothenburg	25	11	8	6	40	31	41
Orgryte	25	11	4	10	31	28	37
Trelleborgs	25	9	8	8	28	27	35
Orebro	25	9	6	10	43	38	33
Hammarby	25	9	6	10	32	38	33
Norrkoping	25	7	11	7	38	30	32
Sundsvall	25	7	8	10	34	40	29
Hacken	25	4	13	8	38	46	25
GAIS	25	4	8	13	26	41	20
Vastra Frolunda	25	2	6	17	15	62	12

SWITZERLAND

Oct 14: Lausanne 1 Servette 1; Lucerne 0 Basle 2; Neuchatel Xamax 1 Grasshopper 3.
Oct 15: Aarau 1 St Gallen 1; Zurich 1 Lugano 2.
Oct 21: St Gallen 2 Zurich 0; Yverdon 4 Neuchatel Xamax 0; Lugano 2 Lausanne 2; Servette 0 Sion 1.
Oct 22: Aarau 3 Lucerne 3; Grasshopper 1 Basle 2.
Oct 24: Sion 0 Yverdon 0.
Oct 28: Lucerne 2 Grasshopper 3; Sion 3 Lugano 2.
Oct 29: Neuchatel Xamax 2 Servette 1; Zurich 1 Aarau 0; Basle 2 Yverdon 1; Lausanne 0 St Gallen 2.

SWITZERLAND

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Lugano	16	9	4	3	27	13	31
St Gallen	16	8	6	2	27	12	30
Grasshopper	16	9	2	5	38	15	29
Basle	16	8	4	4	31	22	28
Lausanne	16	8	2	6	28	24	26
Sion	16	6	4	6	18	26	22
Servette	16	5	6	5	22	19	21
Zurich	16	4	7	5	24	20	19
Yverdon	16	4	4	8	20	28	16
Aarau	16	4	4	8	19	30	16
Lucerne	16	4	3	9	23	38	15
Neuchatel Xamax	16	3	2	11	16	46	11

TURKEY

Oct 13: Adanaspor 2 Denizlispor 3.
Oct 14: Galatasaray 4 Siirt Jet 1; Gaziantepspor 3 Yozgatspor 1; Bursaspor 2 Istanbulspor 5; Trabzonspor 2 Besiktas 0.
Oct 15: Ankaragucu 1 Antalyaspor 1; Erzurumspor 1 Genclerbirligi 2; Fenerbahce 1 Rizespor 0; Samsunspor 0 Kocaelispor 1.
Oct 19: Antalyaspor 2 Gaziantepspor 2.
Oct 20: Adanaspor 1 Fenerbahce 1.
Oct 21: Genclerbirligi 0 Bursaspor 1; Yozgatspor 1 Trabzonspor 1; Besiktas 3 Galatasaray 1; Siirt Jet 1 Erzurumspor 1; Istanbulspor 0 Samsunspor 0; Rizespor 1 Ankaragucu 1; Denizlispor 2 Kocaelispor 1.
Oct 27: Fenerbahce 5 Denizlispor 2.
Oct 28: Bursaspor 3 Siirt Jet 2; Trabzonspor 4 Antalyaspor 0; Ankaragucu 4 Adanaspor 0; Erzurumspor 1 Besiktas 3.
Oct 29: Gaziantepspor 2 Rizespor 1; Kocaelispor 1 Istanbulspor 1; Samsunspor 1 Genclerbirligi 2; Galatasaray 3 Yozgatspor 0.

TURKEY

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Trabzonspor	10	7	2	1	21	7	23
Galatasaray	10	7	1	2	28	9	22
Besiktas	10	7	1	2	24	12	22
Fenerbahce	10	7	1	2	22	12	22
Gaziantepspor	10	6	3	1	24	12	21
Genclerbirligi	10	6	1	3	14	12	19
Ankaragucu	10	4	3	3	14	14	15
Denizlispor	10	4	2	4	15	18	14
Antalyaspor	10	3	4	3	13	14	13
Istanbulspor	10	3	4	3	10	14	13
Samsunspor	10	3	3	4	12	14	12
Adanaspor	10	2	4	4	15	18	10
Yozgatspor	10	2	3	5	9	15	9
Bursaspor	10	2	3	5	11	22	9
Erzurumspor	10	2	2	6	13	22	8
Rizespor	10	1	4	5	7	11	7
Kocaelispor	10	1	2	7	6	17	5
Siirt Jet	10	0	3	7	13	28	3

UKRAINE

Oct 15: Tavriya 1 Metalurh M 1; Karpaty 2 Stal 1; Dnipro 1 Kryvbas 0; Vorskla 1 Nyva 0; Metalurh D 1 CSKA 1.
Oct 21: CSKA 0 Tavriya 0; Stal 0 Vorskla 1; Shakhtar 3 Karpaty 2; Metalist 1 Metalurh Z 1; Metalurh M 0 Dnipro 1; Nyva 2 Metalurh D 3.
Oct 28: Tavriya 1 Dnipro 1; Metalurh D 0 Stal 0; Karpaty 2 Metalist 0; Metalurh Z 2 Kryvbas 2; Dynamo 2 Metalurh M 0; CSKA 3 Nyva 1.
Oct 29: Vorskla 2 Shakhtar 2.

UKRAINE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Dnipro	13	8	3	2	14	9	27
Shakhtar	10	7	2	1	31	11	23
Dynamo	10	7	2	1	21	9	23
Metalurh D	12	6	4	2	15	12	22
Karpaty	13	7	0	6	23	18	21
CSKA	12	4	6	2	14	9	18
Tavriya	12	4	6	2	14	11	18
Metalurh M	13	4	4	5	12	15	16
Metalurh Z	12	4	3	5	15	19	15
Metalist	12	3	4	5	10	18	13
Kryvbas	11	3	3	5	12	14	12
Nyva	13	2	3	8	15	27	9
Vorskla	12	2	2	8	6	16	8
Stal	13	1	2	10	8	22	5

YUGOSLAVIA

Oct 14: Cukaricki 0 Buducnost 1; Radnicki K 3 Sartid 0; Napredak 2 Obilic 4; Zeleznik 4 Radnicki N 2; Milicionar 2 Hajduk R 1; Zeta 1 Zemun 1; Sutjeska 1 Vojvodina 0.
Oct 20: Hajduk R 0 Red Star 0.
Oct 21: Vojvodina 1 Cukaricki 0; OFK 3 Sutjeska 0; Zemun 1 Rad 2; Partizan 4 Zeta 1; Radnicki N 1 Milicionar 0; Obilic 3 Zeleznik 1; Sartid 3 Napredak 0; Buducnost 1 Radnicki K 2.
Oct 28: Cukaricki 4 Radnicki K 1; Napredak 2 Buducnost 1; Zeleznik 1 Sartid 1; Milicionar 2 Obilic 1; Zeta 1 Hajduk R 1; Rad 1 Partizan 3; Sutjeska 3 Zemun 2; Vojvodina 1 OFK 2.
Oct 29: Red Star 3 Radnicki N 0.

YUGOSLAVIA

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Red Star	9	7	2	0	20	3	23
Partizan	9	7	0	2	24	9	21
Obilic	10	7	0	3	17	12	21
Hajduk R	10	4	3	3	20	9	15
Vojvodina	10	4	2	4	11	7	14
OFK	9	4	2	3	11	9	14
Milicionar	10	4	2	4	10	12	14
Zeleznik	10	4	2	4	15	18	14
Sartid	10	4	2	4	11	15	14
Cukaricki	10	4	1	5	16	13	13
Sutjeska	10	4	1	5	12	19	13
Radnicki K	10	4	0	6	10	20	12
Zeta	10	2	5	3	13	13	11
Zemun	10	2	5	3	11	12	11
Buducnost	10	3	1	6	7	11	10
Rad	9	3	1	5	11	17	10
Radnicki N	10	2	3	5	9	15	9
Napredak	10	2	2	6	8	22	8

SOUTH AMERICA

ARGENTINA

OPENING CHAMPIONSHIP

Friday, October 13

Independiente 1 (Forlan 27)
Talleres Cordoba 2 (Rueda 30, Monrroy 90)

Saturday, October 14

Colon Santa Fe 3 (Graf 11, Delgado pen 55, Morant 85)
San Lorenzo 2 (Romeo 20, Romagnoli 79)

Huracan 0
Union Santa Fe 1 (Tilger 89)

Sunday, October 15

Belgrano Cordoba 5 (Liendo 23, 65, Artime pen 54, Lujambio 55, Mugnaini 90)
Newell's Old Boys 1 (Quintana 8)

Estudiantes 1 (Farias pen 1)
Racing Club 1 (Neira 90)

River Plate 1 (Saviola 59)
Boca Juniors 1 (Palermo 14)

Rosario Central 6 (Caceres 1, 21, 54, Vespa 62, 83, Maceratesi pen 88)
Los Andes 2 (Diaz og 40, Lopez pen 68)

Velez Sarsfield 1 (Castillo 21)
Chacarita Juniors 0

Monday, October 16

Almagro 0
Gimnasia LP 1 (Pereyra pen 65)

Lanus 1 (Capria pen 55)
Argentinos Juniors 1 (Zermatten 58)

Friday, October 20

Racing Club 0
Belgrano Cordoba 0

Sunday, October 22

Argentinos Juniors 2 (Pena 17, Schiavi pen 35)
River Plate 2 (Trotta 81, Placente 82)

Boca Juniors 3 (Delgado 4, Riquelme 46, 53)
Velez Sarsfield 1 (Husain 54)

Chacarita Juniors 3 (Carrario 52, 87, Moreno pen 85)
Colon Santa Fe 1 (Biaggio 58)

Gimnasia LP 4 (Gomez 3, Pereyra pen 60, Messera 69, Moner og 83)
Huracan 3 (Morquio pen 24, Padra 44, Soto 62)

Los Andes 1 (Troyanski 41)
Independiente 2 (Forlan 14, 81)

San Lorenzo 4 (Romeo 43, Romagnoli 58, Abreu 60, Franco 64)
Rosario Central 1 (Gonzalez 1)

Talleres Cordoba 3 (Rueda 4, 60, 78)
Estudiantes 0

Union Santa Fe 0
Lanus 0

Monday, October 23

Newell's Old Boys 1 (Gigena 52)
Almagro 1 (Coria 12)

Friday, October 27

River Plate 1 (Saviola 29)
Union Santa Fe 1 (Tilger 42)

Saturday, October 28

Huracan 2 (Morquio pen 16, Padra 54)
Newell's Old Boys 0

Rosario Central 1 (Vespa 27)
Chacarita Juniors 0

Sunday, October 29

Almagro 0
Racing Club 2 (Bastia 13, Chatruc 26)

Colon Santa Fe 0
Boca Juniors 0

Independiente 1 (Milito 74)
San Lorenzo 2 (Rivarola 66, Quinteros 87)

Lanus 1 (Capria 48)
Gimnasia LP 3 (Enria 34, Pereyra pen 51, Sava 75)

Talleres Cordoba 2 (Alaniz 17, Cuenca pen 45)
Los Andes 1 (Marchesini 62)

Velez Sarsfield 1 (Castillo 35)
Argentinos Juniors 0

Monday, October 30

Estudiantes 2 (Farias 72, 76)
Belgrano Cordoba 0

ARGENTINA – OPENING

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Boca Juniors	13	9	4	0	27	11	31
Gimnasia LP	12	8	3	1	27	18	27
Talleres Cordoba	12	8	2	2	22	12	26
River Plate	12	6	5	1	24	12	23
San Lorenzo	12	7	1	4	24	14	22
Estudiantes	11	5	4	2	14	11	19
Velez Sarsfield	12	5	4	3	13	11	19
Huracan	12	5	3	4	17	13	18
Colon Santa Fe	12	5	3	4	16	15	18
Chacarita Juniors	12	4	3	5	9	11	15
Union Santa Fe	12	3	5	4	9	11	14
Newell's OB	11	3	4	4	12	17	13
Belgrano Cordoba	12	1	8	3	15	16	11
Argentinos Jnrs	12	1	8	3	11	13	11
Independiente	12	2	4	6	10	15	10
Rosario Central	12	2	4	6	17	24	10
Lanus	12	2	3	7	15	20	9
Racing Club	12	1	6	5	7	15	9
Los Andes	13	2	3	8	13	31	9
Almagro	12	0	5	7	5	17	5

LEADING GOALSCORERS

10 Martin Palermo (Boca Juniors)
8 Juan Pablo Angel (River Plate)
8 Ernesto Farias (Estudiantes)
8 Ariel Pereyra (Gimnasia LP)
8 Facundo Sava (Gimnasia LP)

BOLIVIA

CLOSING CHAMPIONSHIP

Oct 15: Blooming 1 Jorge Wilstermann 0; Guabira 4 Atletico Pompeya 1; Independiente 0 Union Central 0; Oriente 2 Santa Cruz 2; Real Potosi 3 Bolivar 0; The Strongest 2 Mariscal Braun 1.
Oct 18: Atletico Pompeya 7 Independiente 1; Guabira 0 Mariscal Braun 0; The Strongest 0 Oriente 1; Union Central 1 Blooming 0; Jorge Wilstermann 2 Real Potosi 1.
Oct 19: Santa Cruz 1 Bolivar 0.
Oct 22: Atletico Pompeya 0 Blooming 1; Bolivar 0 Oriente 2; Guabira 1 The Strongest 1; Independiente 3 Mariscal Braun 1; Real Potosi 4 Union Central 1; Santa Cruz 2 Jorge Wilstermann 1.
Oct 25: Blooming 1 Mariscal Braun 0; Bolivar 3 Jorge Wilstermann 3; Guabira 1 Oriente 2; Independiente 2 The Strongest 1; Real Potosi 3 Atletico Pompeya 0.
Oct 26: Santa Cruz 0 Union Central 3.
Oct 28: Mariscal Braun 1 Real Potosi 1.
Oct 29: Atletico Pompeya 0 Santa Cruz 0; Guabira 1 Independiente 0; Oriente 2 Jorge Wilstermann 0; The Strongest 1 Blooming 0; Union Central 1 Bolivar 2.

BOLIVIA – CLOSING

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Oriente	13	8	3	2	26	16	27
Union Central	13	7	3	3	18	13	24
Guabira	13	7	2	4	26	14	23
Blooming	13	7	0	6	14	15	21
Real Potosi	13	6	2	5	20	13	20
Santa Cruz	13	6	2	5	19	21	20
The Strongest	13	6	1	6	19	19	19
Mariscal Braun	13	5	2	6	18	16	17
J Wilstermann	13	5	2	6	21	22	17
Atletico Pompeya	13	4	1	8	15	22	13
Bolivar	13	3	2	8	16	22	11
Independiente	13	3	2	8	16	35	11

BRAZIL

JOAO HAVELANGE CUP

Oct 7: America MG 1 Cruzeiro 1; Atletico Paranaense 4 Santa Cruz 0; Internacional 1 Gremio 2; Juventude 0 Palmeiras 1; Vitoria 5 Sao Paulo 1; Botafogo (Rio) 3 Flamengo 1; Guarani 2 Bahia 2; Santos 3 Ponte Preta 3; Sport Recife 3 Gama 0; Atletico Mineiro 2 Goias 1; Corinthians 2 Portuguesa 3.
Oct 10: Cruzeiro 3 Santa Cruz 0.
Oct 11: Atletico Mineiro 3 Guarani 0; Fluminense 1 Gremio 0; Palmeiras 0 America MG 0; Ponte Preta 0 Atletico Paranaense 1; Sao Paulo 3 Coritiba 2; Bahia 2 Corinthians 1; Vasco da Gama 2 Vitoria 2; Portuguesa 3 Internacional 2.
Oct 12: Cruzeiro 2 Juventude 1.
Oct 14: Santos 1 Vasco da Gama 1; Palmeiras 3 Atletico Mineiro 2; Flamengo 1 Sport Recife 2; Internacional 3 Bahia 2.
Oct 15: Gremio 2 Portuguesa 2; Juventude 1 Goias 2; Santa Cruz 1 Coritiba 1; Botafogo (Rio) 1 Sao Paulo 0; Fluminense 2 Cruzeiro 1; Guarani 3 Corinthians 2.
Oct 17: Sao Paulo 1 Internacional 1.
Oct 18: Atletico Paranaense 1 Fluminense 0; Palmeiras 0 Cruzeiro 1; Guarani 3 Gremio 2; Botafogo (Rio) 2 Gama 0; Flamengo 1 America MG 2.
Oct 19: Atletico Mineiro 2 Coritiba 1.
Oct 21: Goias 3 Santos 1; Portuguesa 2 Flamengo 1; Internacional 4 Santa Cruz 0; Vasco da Gama 1 Gama 0.
Oct 22: Sport Recife 2 Botafogo (Rio) 2; Atletico Mineiro 2 Gremio 2; Vitoria 0 Juventude 1; Coritiba 2 America MG 1; Sao Paulo 2 Guarani 2; Corinthians 1 Fluminense 3; Ponte Preta 5 Palmeiras 1.
Oct 24: Vasco da Gama 2 Goias 1.
Oct 25: Fluminense 6 Santa Cruz 1; Bahia 1 Ponte Preta 2; Gremio 2 Botafogo (Rio) 1; Sport Recife 3 Corinthians 0; Gama 0 Atletico Mineiro 0.
Oct 27: Flamengo 4 Vasco da Gama 0.
Oct 28: Santa Cruz 1 Palmeiras 5; Sao Paulo 2 Atletico Mineiro 1; Gremio 4 Gama 1; America MG 2 Vitoria 3; Santos 0 Bahia 1; Cruzeiro 5 Portuguesa 1; Sport Recife 0 Internacional 1.

BRAZIL – J HAVELANGE CUP: BLUE GP

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Cruzeiro	20	10	7	3	38	22	37
Sao Paulo	20	9	8	3	38	28	35
Fluminense	20	10	4	6	35	24	34
Sport Recife	20	9	6	5	34	20	33
Vasco da Gama	18	9	6	3	33	26	33
Goias	19	9	5	5	31	23	32
Ponte Preta	18	9	4	5	37	25	31
At Paranaense	19	9	4	6	25	20	31
Gremio	20	8	6	6	29	28	30
Botafogo (Rio)	20	8	5	7	27	26	29
Bahia	19	8	5	6	27	27	29
Vitoria	20	8	4	8	38	32	28
Portuguesa	20	8	4	8	30	36	28
Atletico Mineiro	21	7	6	8	30	32	27
Palmeiras	20	7	6	7	21	28	27
Flamengo	19	7	5	7	33	28	26
Internacional	18	6	8	4	24	19	26
Santos	19	6	6	7	26	24	24
Guarani	19	5	8	6	20	22	23
Gama	23	6	4	13	21	37	22
Juventude	19	5	4	10	19	29	19
America MG	19	4	6	9	19	29	18
Corinthians	18	4	3	11	21	34	15
Coritiba	19	3	5	11	19	28	14
Santa Cruz	21	2	7	12	16	44	13

Top 12 qualify for next phase

CHILE

Oct 9: Puerto Montt 1 U Catolica 1; Cobreloa 0 Palestino 0; Audax Italiano 0 Santiago Morning 0; Union Espanola 0 O'Higgins 0; Dep Concepcion 1 Huachipato 0.
Oct 11: U de Chile 2 Everton 1; Santiago Wanderers 5 Provincial Osorno 2.
Oct 12: Coquimbo Unido 2 Colo Colo 1.
Oct 14-15: Palestino 1 Puerto Montt 1; Santiago Morning 2 Dep Concepcion 0; Everton 3 Cobreloa 2; O'Higgins 2 U de Chile 0; Huachipato 2 Union Espanola 3; U Catolica 0 Coquimbo Unido 0; Provincial Osorno 2 Audax Italiano 4; Colo Colo 1 Santiago Wanderers 1.
Oct 18: Palestino 1 Everton 0; Cobreloa 3 O'Higgins 1; Union Espanola 1 Santiago Morning 1; Puerto Montt 1 Coquimbo Unido 1; Dep Concepcion 2 Provincial Osorno 1; U de Chile 2 Huachipato 1; Santiago Wanderers 4 U Catolica 0.
Oct 21-22: Santiago Morning 1 U de Chile 6; O'Higgins 2 Palestino 2; U Catolica 1 Audax Italiano 1; Provincial Osorno 1 Union Espanola 3; Huachipato 1 Cobreloa 2; Coquimbo Unido 3 Santiago Wanderers 1; Everton 4 Puerto Montt 0; Colo Colo 2 Dep Concepcion 2.

CHILE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
U de Chile	22	15	3	4	51	21	48
Cobreloa	22	11	6	5	41	25	39
Colo Colo	22	9	10	3	44	32	37
Union Espanola	22	9	9	4	31	24	36
U Catolica	22	9	8	5	40	32	35
Audax Italiano	22	10	4	8	29	23	34
Sant Wanderers	22	9	7	6	38	36	34
Sant Morning	22	8	6	8	33	35	30
Dep Concepcion	22	7	7	8	19	23	28
Coquimbo Unido	22	7	7	8	26	35	28
O'Higgins	22	7	5	10	31	35	26
Palestino	22	6	7	9	27	34	25
Everton	22	5	7	10	30	40	22
Puerto Montt	22	5	7	10	29	42	22
Huachipato	22	5	5	12	29	37	20
Provincial Osorno	22	2	6	14	23	47	12

COLOMBIA

CLOSING CHAMPIONSHIP

Oct 5: Indep Medellin 1 America 1.
Oct 7: Real Cartagena 0 At Junior 2.
Oct 11: At Huila 2 America 3; Quindio 2 At Nacional 2; Millonarios 2 Dep Pasto 1; Indep Medellin 1 Indep Santa Fe 3; Bucaramanga 3 Envigado 1; Once Caldas 1 Tolima 0; Dep Cali 2 Tulua 2.
Oct 15: At Junior 1 Millonarios 1; Indep Santa Fe 1 Real Cartagena 0; Once Caldas 0 Bucaramanga 0; Tolima 3 Dep Cali 0; Tulua 2 Indep Medellin 2; Dep Pasto 3 Quindio 1; At Nacional 3 At Huila 2; America 3 Envigado 2.
Oct 22: Millonarios 1 Indep Santa Fe 1; Dep Cali 1 Once Caldas 4; Envigado 0 At Nacional 2; Bucaramanga 0 America 2; Indep Medellin 3 Tolima 1; Real Cartagena 3 Tulua 2; Quindio 1 At Junior 1; At Huila 3 Dep Pasto 1.
Oct 31: Dep Pasto 2 Envigado 1; Indep Santa Fe 3 Quindio 0; Dep Cali 3 Bucaramanga 1; At Junior 2 At Huila 0; Once Caldas 0 Indep Medellin 0; Tolima 1 Real Cartagena 0; At Nacional 0 America 2; Tulua 0 Millonarios 0.

COLOMBIA – CLOSING

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
America	19	13	4	2	35	18	43
Indep Santa Fe	19	12	4	3	27	13	40
At Junior	19	10	7	2	35	19	37
Millonarios	19	7	9	3	27	20	30
Once Caldas	19	8	5	6	26	16	29
Tolima	19	8	3	8	26	22	27
At Nacional	19	7	4	8	26	27	25
At Huila	19	7	1	11	26	36	22
Envigado	19	6	4	9	26	32	22
Quindio	19	6	4	9	25	34	22
Dep Pasto	19	5	6	8	23	25	21
Indep Medellin	19	5	6	8	22	26	21
Real Cartagena	19	5	6	8	19	24	21
Bucaramanga	19	5	6	8	19	27	21
Dep Cali	19	4	6	9	27	36	18
Tulua	19	3	7	9	23	44	16

ECUADOR

CLOSING CHAMPIONSHIP

Oct 13: Tecnico Univ 1 El Nacional 2.
Oct 15: LDU 3 Emelec 0; Barcelona 2 Dep Quito 2; Espoli 2 Macara 1; Olmedo 2 Aucas 0.
Oct 22: Aucas 1 Barcelona 0; Emelec 2 Espoli 1; El Nacional 1 Olmedo 0; Macara 4 Tecnico Univ 3; Dep Quito 2 LDU 1.
Oct 25: Espoli 0 Dep Quito 1; Tecnico Univ 1 Emelec 4; Olmedo 0 Macara 1; Barcelona 1 LDU 0; Aucas 0 El Nacional 0.
Oct 29: Emelec 3 Olmedo 0; El Nacional 3 Barcelona 1; LDU 1 Espoli 1; Macara 2 Aucas 1; Dep Quito 3 Tecnico Univ 2.

ECUADOR – CLOSING

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
El Nacional	16	9	3	4	31	21	30
Emelec	16	9	2	5	32	21	29
Macara	16	8	2	6	25	23	26
Espoli	16	7	4	5	21	13	25
Dep Quito	16	7	3	6	25	24	24
Barcelona	16	6	5	5	22	17	23
Aucas	16	5	5	6	19	22	20
Olmedo	16	6	2	8	12	18	20
LDU	16	5	4	7	17	20	19
Tecnico Univ	16	2	2	12	19	44	8

PARAGUAY

CLOSING CHAMPIONSHIP

PARAGUAY – REGULAR STAGE: FINAL

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Olimpia	9	4	4	1	14	6	16
12 de Octubre	9	3	6	0	14	8	15
Cerro Porteno	9	3	5	1	15	9	14
Guarani	9	3	5	1	8	6	14
Cerro Cora	9	3	4	2	9	9	13
Colegiales	9	3	4	2	9	9	13
Sol de America	9	2	5	2	11	10	11
San Lorenzo	9	3	1	5	14	18	10
Universal	9	1	3	5	9	17	6
Sportivo Luqueno	9	0	3	6	8	19	3

Final round

Oct 16: *Group A* - Olimpia 3 San Lorenzo 0; Colegiales 1 Guarani 0. *Group B* - 12 de Octubre 1 Sol de America 0; Cerro Porteno 5 Cerro Cora 1.
Oct 22: *Group A* - Olimpia 3 Guarani 0; San Lorenzo 2 Colegiales 0. *Group B* - 12 de Octubre 1 Cerro Cora 0; Cerro Porteno 4 Sol de America 3.

PARAGUAY – GP A: FINAL ROUND

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	
Olimpia	2	2	0	0	6	0	9	[3]
Colegiales	2	1	0	1	1	2	3.5	[0.5]
San Lorenzo	2	1	0	1	2	3	3	[0]
Guarani	2	0	0	2	0	4	1.5	[1.5]

PARAGUAY – GP B: FINAL ROUND

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	
12 de Octubre	2	2	0	0	2	0	8.5	[2.5]
Cerro Porteno	2	2	0	0	9	4	8	[2]
Cerro Cora	2	0	0	2	1	6	1	[1]
Sol de America	2	0	0	2	3	5	0	[0]

Bonus points in brackets

PERU

CLOSING CHAMPIONSHIP

Oct 10-11: Alianza Atletico 1 Sporting Cristal 2; Cienciano 4 Dep Municipal 0; Dep Wanka 3 Alianza Lima 2; Universitario 3 Melgar 2; Sport Boys 2 Union Minas 0; Juan Aurich 0 Dep UPAO 1.
Round 13: Alianza Lima 2 Cienciano 1; Dep UPAO 3 Dep Wanka 1; Dep Municipal 3 Union Minas 3; Melgar 2 Juan Aurich 1; Sporting Cristal 2 Sport Boys 1; Universitario 2 Alianza Atletico 0.
Oct 20-21: Sporting Cristal 4 Dep Municipal 0; Universitario 2 Sport Boys 0; Alianza Atletico 2 Juan Aurich 1; Alianza Lima 1 Union Minas 4; Cienciano 2 Dep UPAO 0; Dep Wanka 1 Melgar 0.
Oct 28: Alianza Lima 0 Sport Boys 0; Melgar 1 Dep Municipal 0.
Oct 29: Juan Aurich 0 Sporting Cristal 7; Cienciano 2 Universitario 3; Union Minas 0 Dep Wanka 1; Dep UPAO 2 Alianza Atletico 4.

PERU – CLOSING

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sporting Cristal	15	11	3	1	33	14	36
Universitario	15	11	2	2	35	17	35
Cienciano	15	7	4	4	30	15	25
Alianza Atletico	15	7	2	6	28	27	23
Dep Wanka	15	7	2	6	19	23	23
Union Minas	15	6	4	5	24	25	22
Melgar	15	7	0	8	23	22	21
Alianza Lima	15	5	5	5	27	20	20
Sport Boys	15	4	5	6	19	18	17
Dep UPAO	15	3	2	10	10	34	11
Juan Aurich	15	2	4	9	13	29	10
Dep Municipal	15	1	5	9	12	29	8

URUGUAY

CLOSING CHAMPIONSHIP

Oct 7: Frontera Rivera 3 Rocha 4.
Oct 13: Penarol 3 Tacuarembo 1.
Oct 14: Frontera Rivera 0 Nacional 2.
Oct 15: Defensor 3 Bella Vista M 1; Juventud 1 Dep Maldonado 2; Rocha 1 Liverpool 0; River Plate 2 Rentistas 0; Huracan Buceo 1 Bella Vista P 2; Racing 2 Danubio 6.
Oct 20: Huracan Buceo 1 Tacuarembo 2.
Oct 21: Frontera Rivera 2 Penarol 3; Dep Maldonado 2 Rocha 3.
Oct 22: Nacional 3 Racing 0; Danubio 1 Juventud 1; Bella Vista M 3 River Plate 2; Liverpool 1 Cerro 1;

Rentistas 1 Bella Vista P 0.
Oct 27: Dep Maldonado 1 Danubio 1.
Oct 28: Nacional 2 Bella Vista P 0.
Oct 29: Penarol 2 Juventud 1; Defensor 1 Racing 1; Frontera Rivera 2 Liverpool 2; Rentistas 1 Rocha 1; Bella Vista M 0 Tacuarembo 4; River Plate 1 Cerro 1.

URUGUAY – CLOSING

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Nacional	12	9	3	0	23	7	30
Penarol	11	9	2	0	24	9	29
Defensor	11	7	4	0	25	9	25
Danubio	12	5	6	1	24	11	21
Tacuarembo	11	6	1	4	17	11	19
River Plate	11	4	4	3	19	17	16
Cerro	11	3	5	3	13	14	14
Rentistas	11	3	5	3	10	12	14
Racing	12	3	5	4	14	18	14
Rocha	12	4	1	7	16	27	13
Dep Maldonado	11	3	3	5	16	18	12
Bella Vista M	11	3	3	5	16	21	12
Bella Vista P	11	2	4	5	11	17	10
Liverpool	11	1	5	5	8	16	8
Frontera Rivera	12	2	2	8	16	28	8
Huracan Buceo	11	1	4	6	10	18	7
Juventud	11	1	3	7	8	17	6

CENTRAL & NORTH AMERICA

MEXICO

WINTER CHAMPIONSHIP

Oct 13: Atlante 0 Irapuato 1.
Oct 14: Toluca 4 Atlas 3; Tigres 1 Pachuca 1; Tecos UAG 2 Guadalajara 3; Pumas UNAM 2 Leon 1.
Oct 15: Atletico Celaya 0 Cruz Azul 1; Atletico Morelia 3 Monterrey 0; Santos 1 Necaxa 2; America 0 Puebla 0.
Oct 18: Cruz Azul 4 Tecos UAG 1; Monterrey 3 Santos 3; Irapuato 3 Atletico Morelia 3; Puebla 0 Tigres 0; Necaxa 0 Toluca 1; Pachuca 1 Pumas UNAM 0; Leon 2 Atletico Celaya 1.
Oct 21: Atlante 1 Cruz Azul 1; Toluca 0 Monterrey 0; Tecos UAG 3 Leon 1; Tigres 3 America 3; Atletico Celaya 0 Pachuca 0.
Oct 22: Atletico Morelia 1 Guadalajara 1; Pumas UNAM 1 Puebla 0; Necaxa 2 Atlas 3; Santos 3 Irapuato 2.
Oct 28: Cruz Azul 3 Atletico Morelia 1; Monterrey 1 Necaxa 2; Puebla 2 Atletico Celaya 1; Irapuato 3 Toluca 2; Atlas 1 Tigres 1.
Oct 29: Guadalajara 3 Santos 3; Pachuca 3 Tecos UAG 1; Leon 1 Atlante 1; America 2 Pumas UNAM 1.

GROUP 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Cruz Azul	14	8	2	4	26	15	26
Toluca	14	8	2	4	24	18	26
Atletico Morelia	14	6	5	3	25	19	23
Leon	14	4	4	6	21	26	16
Atlante	13	1	8	4	18	20	11

GROUP 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Tigres	14	5	6	3	17	16	21
Irapuato	14	5	5	4	23	23	20
Atlas	13	4	5	4	24	23	17
Pumas UNAM	14	4	3	7	17	22	15
Atletico Celaya	14	3	3	8	18	22	12

GROUP 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Necaxa	14	7	2	5	25	19	23
Santos	14	6	4	4	27	24	22
Monterrey	14	4	5	5	19	22	17
Puebla	14	3	3	8	13	25	12

GROUP 4

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Pachuca	14	7	4	3	20	14	25
Tecos UAG	14	6	2	6	27	31	20
America	13	5	3	5	19	20	18
Guadalajara	13	3	4	6	14	19	13

LEADING GOALSCORERS
14 Jared Borguetti (Santos)
9 Carlos Pavon (Atletico Morelia)
9 Marin Rodriguez (Irapuato)

USA

MLS CUP 2000

Oct 15 - RFK stadium, Washington DC
Chicago Fire 0
Kansas City Wizards 1 (Molnar 11)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 39,159. **Ref:** Tamberino

AFRICA

NATIONS CUP 2002 QUALIFIERS

Group 1

02.09.00 .....Nigeria-Namibia 4-0
02.09.00 .....Zambia-Madagascar 1-2
07.10.00 .....Madagascar-Nigeria.....0-0
08.10.00 .....Namibia-Zambia.....1-2
13.01.01 .....Namibia-Madagascar
13.01.01 .....Nigeria-Zambia
24.03.01 .....Madagascar-Namibia
24.03.01 .....Zambia-Nigeria
02.06.01 .....Nigeria-Madagascar
02.06.01 .....Zambia-Namibia
16.06.01 .....Madagascar-Zambia
16.06.01 .....Namibia-Nigeria

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Nigeria	2	1	1	0	4	0	4
Madagascar	2	1	1	0	2	1	4
Zambia	2	1	0	1	3	3	3
Namibia	2	0	0	2	1	6	0

Group 2

03.09.00 .....Congo-South Africa 1-2
03.09.00 .....Liberia-Mauritius 4-0
08.10.00 .....Mauritius-Congo 1-2
17.12.00 .....South Africa-Liberia
14.01.01 .....Liberia-Congo
14.01.01 .....Mauritius-South Africa
24.03.01 .....South Africa-Mauritius
25.03.01 .....Congo-Liberia
03.06.01 .....Congo-Mauritius
03.06.01 .....Liberia-South Africa
16.06.01 .....South Africa-Congo
17.06.01 .....Mauritius-Liberia

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Liberia	1	1	0	0	4	0	3
South Africa	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Congo	2	1	0	1	3	3	3
Mauritius	2	0	0	2	1	6	0

Group 3

02.09.00 .....Gabon-Morocco 2-0
03.09.00 .....Kenya-Tunisia.....0-0
06.10.00 .....Tunisia-Gabon 4-2
08.10.00 .....Morocco-Kenya 1-0
13.01.01 .....Kenya-Gabon
13.01.01 .....Tunisia-Morocco
25.03.01 .....Gabon-Kenya
25.03.01 .....Morocco-Tunisia
02.06.01 .....Kenya-Morocco
03.06.01 .....Gabon-Tunisia
16.06.01 .....Tunisia-Kenya
17.06.01 .....Morocco-Gabon

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Tunisia	2	1	1	0	4	2	4
Gabon	2	1	0	1	4	4	3
Morocco	2	1	0	1	1	2	3
Kenya	2	0	1	1	0	1	1

Group 4

03.09.00 .....Algeria-Burkina Faso.....1-1
03.09.00 .....Burundi-Angola.....0-0
07.10.00 .....Burkina Faso-Burundi 1-0
08.10.00 .....Angola-Algeria.....2-2
12.01.01 .....Algeria-Burundi
14.01.01 .....Burkina Faso-Angola
24.03.01 .....Burundi-Algeria
25.03.01 .....Angola-Burkina Faso
01.06.01 .....Algeria-Angola
02.06.01 .....Burundi-Burkina Faso
17.06.01 .....Angola-Burundi
17.06.01 .....Burkina Faso-Algeria

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Burkina Faso	2	1	1	0	2	1	4
Algeria	2	0	2	0	3	3	2
Angola	2	0	2	0	2	2	2
Burundi	2	0	1	1	0	1	1

Group 5

02.09.00 .....Uganda-Guinea.....3-1
24.09.00 .....Senegal-Togo 0-0
08.10.00 .....Guinea-Senegal 1-0
08.10.00 .....Togo-Uganda 3-0
13.01.01 .....Uganda-Senegal
14.01.01 .....Guinea-Togo
24.03.01 .....Senegal-Uganda
25.03.01 .....Togo-Guinea
02.06.01 .....Senegal-Guinea
02.06.01 .....Uganda-Togo
16.06.01 .....Guinea-Uganda
17.06.01 .....Togo-Senegal

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Togo	2	1	1	0	3	0	4
Uganda	2	1	0	1	3	4	3
Guinea	2	1	0	1	2	3	3
Senegal	2	0	1	1	0	1	1

Group 6

03.09.00 .....Lesotho-Ghana 3-3
03.09.00 .....Zimbabwe-DR Congo 3-2
08.10.00 .....Ghana-Zimbabwe 4-1
10.10.00 .....DR Congo-Lesotho.....1-1
14.01.01 .....DR Congo-Ghana
14.01.01 .....Zimbabwe-Lesotho
24.03.01 .....Ghana-DR Congo
25.03.01 .....Lesotho-Zimbabwe
03.06.01 .....Lesotho-DR Congo
03.06.01 .....Zimbabwe-Ghana
16.06.01 .....Ghana-Lesotho
17.06.01 .....DR Congo-Zimbabwe

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ghana	2	1	1	0	7	4	4
Zimbabwe	2	1	0	1	4	6	3
Lesotho	2	0	2	0	4	4	2
DR Congo	2	0	1	1	3	4	1

Group 7

02.09.00 .....Egypt-Ivory Coast 1-0
10.09.00 .....Libya-Sudan 1-0
08.10.00 .....Sudan-Egypt 0-1
19.11.00 .....Ivory Coast-Libya
12.01.01 .....Egypt-Libya
14.01.01 .....Ivory Coast-Sudan
23.03.01 .....Libya-Egypt
23.03.01 .....Sudan-Ivory Coast
01.06.01 .....Egypt-Sudan
01.06.01 .....Libya-Ivory Coast
15.06.01 .....Sudan-Libya
17.06.01 .....Ivory Coast-Egypt

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Egypt	2	2	0	0	2	0	6
Libya	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Ivory Coast	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Sudan	2	0	0	2	0	2	0

Top two in each group qualify for the finals in Mali in 2002, together with the holders, Cameroon, and the hosts.

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

Group 1

Oct 14: Mamelodi Sundowns (SAf) 2 Esperance (Tun) 0.
Oct 15: Africa Sports (IvC) 3 Sable de Batie (Cam) 1.
Oct 29: Sable de Batie 1 Esperance 2.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Mam. Sundowns	4	3	0	1	8	4	9
Esperance	5	3	0	2	10	7	9
Africa Sports	4	2	1	1	6	5	7
Sable de Batie	5	0	1	4	4	12	1

Group 2

Oct 13: Al Ahly (Egy) 3 Jeanne d'Arc (Sen) 1.
Oct 15: Hearts of Oak (Gha) 2 Lobi Stars (Nig) 0.
Oct 29: Jeanne d'Arc 0 Lobi Stars 0; Al Ahly 1 Hearts of Oak 1.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hearts of Oak	5	4	1	0	11	4	13
Al Ahly	5	2	2	1	9	6	8
Lobi Stars	5	1	1	3	4	8	4
Jeanne d'Arc	5	0	2	3	5	11	2

CUP-WINNERS CUP

SEMI-FINALS

1st legs
Oct 14: Zamalek (Egy) 2 St Louisienne (Reu) 0.
Oct 15: Al Ittihad (Lby) 1 Canon Yaounde (Cam) 1.

2nd legs
Oct 27: St Louisienne 0 Zamalek 0
Zamalek 2-0 on agg.
Oct 30: Canon Yaounde 1 Al Ittihad 0
Canon Yaounde 2-1 on agg.

CAF CUP

SEMI-FINALS

1st legs
Oct 13: Ismaili (Egy) 5 Stade Abidjan (IvC) 0.
Oct 15: Iwuanyanwu Nationale (Nig) 1 JS Kabylie (Alg) 1.

2nd legs
Oct 29: JS Kabylie 1 Iwuanyanwu Nationale 0
JS Kabylie 2-1 on agg.
Nov 5: Stade Abidjan 0 Ismaili 2
Ismaili 7-0 on agg.

ASIA

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

FIRST ROUND

WEST ASIA ZONE

1st legs
Al Hilal (Sau) 2 Al Karama (Syr) 1; Al Ramtha (Jor) 0 Salmiya (Kuw) 1; Al Ahly (Yem) 0 Al Ahly (Bhn) 1; Al Wakra (Qat) 2 Pirouzi (Irn) 4; Al Zawra (Irq) 2 Al Ain (UAE) 1; Irtysh Pavlodar (Kaz) 3 Nina Ashkhabad (Tkm) 1.

2nd legs
Al Karama 0 Al Hilal 0 *Al Hilal 2-1 on agg;*
Salmiya 2 Al Ramtha 2 *Salmiya 3-2 on agg;*
Al Ahly (Bhn) 0 Al Ahly (Yem) 0 *Al Ahly (Bhn) 1-0 on agg;* Pirouzi 5 Al Wakra 1 *Pirouzi 9-3 on agg;*
Al Ain 5 Al Zawra 0 *Al Ain 6-2 on agg.*

Al Ansar (Leb) v Al Ittihad (Sau) – Al Ansar withdrew; Al Ittihad walkover.

EAST ASIA ZONE

1st legs
PSM Ujungpandang (Ins) 0 Song Lam Nghe An (Vie) 0; Policia (Mco) 0 Home United (Sin) 5.

2nd legs
Song Lam Nghe An 1 PSM Ujungpandang 4
PSM 4-1 on agg.

Byes: Suwon Bluewings (SKo), Huriyya (Mdv), Shandong Luneng Taishan (Chn), South China (HK), Jubilo Iwata (Jap), Royal Thai Air Force (Tha).

CUP-WINNERS CUP

FIRST ROUND

WEST ASIA ZONE

1st legs
Al Wahda (Yem) 1 Hottine (Syr) 5; Shja'eya Union (Pal) 2 Al Wahdat (Jor) 1; Al Saad (Qat) 1 Al Talaba (Irq) 1; Kairat (Kaz) 2 Regar-Tadaz (Taj) 0; Al Wahda (UAE) 3 Esteghlal (Irn) 2.

2nd legs
Hottine 5 Al Wahda 0 *Hottine 10-1 on agg;*
Al Wahdat 3 Shja'eya Union 1 *Al Wahdat 4-3 on agg;*
Al Talaba 3 Al Saad 3 *Agg 4-4. Al Saad on away goals;* Regar-Tadaz 1 Kairat 1 *Kairat 3-1 on agg.*

Al Safa (Leb) v Al Arabi (Kuw) – Al Safa withdrew; Al Arabi walkover

Bye: Al Shabab (Sau)

EAST ASIA ZONE

1st legs
BEC Tero Sasana (Tha) 1 Khan Research Laboratories (Pak) 1; Dalian Shide (Chn) 8 Valencia (Mdv) 0; Cang Saigon (Vie) 0 Singapore Armed Forces 0.

2nd legs
Khan Research Laboratories 0 BEC Tero Sasana 6 *BEC 7-1 on agg;* Valencia 1 Dalian Shide 1 *Dalian Shide 9-1 on agg.*

Byes: Shimizu S-Pulse (Jap), PKT Bontang (Ins), Sungnam Ilhwa Chunma (SKo), Happy Valley (HK), Nagoya Grampus Eight (Jap).

WORLD CUP 2002 QUALIFIERS

EUROPE

13 or 14 teams qualify, plus holders France

Group 1

02.09.00 .....Switzerland-Russia 0-1
03.09.00 .....Faroe Islands-Slovenia.....2-2
03.09.00 .....Luxembourg-Yugoslavia.....0-2
07.10.00 .....Luxembourg-Slovenia 1-2
07.10.00 .....Switzerland-Faroe Islands 5-1
07.10.00 .....Yugoslavia-Russia.....postponed
11.10.00 .....Russia-Luxembourg 3-0
11.10.00 .....Slovenia-Switzerland 2-2
11.10.00 .....Yugoslavia-Faroe Islands...postponed
24.03.01 .....Luxembourg-Faroe Islands
24.03.01 .....Russia-Slovenia
24.03.01 .....Yugoslavia-Switzerland
28.03.01 .....Russia-Faroe Islands
28.03.01 .....Slovenia-Yugoslavia
28.03.01 .....Switzerland-Luxembourg
02.06.01 .....Faroe Islands-Switzerland
02.06.01 .....Russia-Yugoslavia
02.06.01 .....Slovenia-Luxembourg
06.06.01 .....Faroe Islands-Yugoslavia
06.06.01 .....Luxembourg-Russia
06.06.01 .....Switzerland-Slovenia
01.09.01 .....Faroe Islands-Luxembourg
01.09.01 .....Slovenia-Russia
01.09.01 .....Switzerland-Yugoslavia
05.09.01 .....Faroe Islands-Russia
05.09.01 .....Luxembourg-Switzerland
05.09.01 .....Yugoslavia-Slovenia
06/07.10.01 ....Russia-Switzerland
06/07.10.01 ....Slovenia-Faroe Islands
06/07.10.01 ....Yugoslavia-Luxembourg

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Russia	2	2	0	0	4	0	6
Slovenia	3	1	2	0	6	5	5
Switzerland	3	1	1	1	7	4	4
Yugoslavia	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
Faroe Islands	2	0	1	1	3	7	1
Luxembourg	3	0	0	3	1	7	0

Group 2

16.08.00.....Estonia-Andorra.....1-0
02.09.00.....Andorra-Cyprus 2-3
02.09.00.....Holland-Rep of Ireland.....2-2
03.09.00.....Estonia-Portugal.....1-3
07.10.00.....Andorra-Estonia.....1-2
07.10.00.....Cyprus-Holland.....0-4
07.10.00.....Portugal-Rep of Ireland 1-1
11.10.00.....Holland-Portugal.....0-2
11.10.00.....Rep of Ireland-Estonia.....2-0
15.11.00.....Cyprus-Andorra
14.02.01.....Portugal-Andorra
24.03.01.....Andorra-Holland
24.03.01.....Cyprus-Rep of Ireland
28.03.01.....Andorra-Rep of Ireland
28.03.01.....Cyprus-Estonia
28.03.01.....Portugal-Holland
25.04.01.....Holland-Cyprus
25.04.01.....Rep of Ireland-Andorra
02.06.01.....Estonia-Holland
02.06.01.....Rep of Ireland-Portugal
06.06.01.....Estonia-Rep of Ireland
06.06.01.....Portugal-Cyprus
15.08.01.....Estonia-Cyprus
01.09.01.....Andorra-Portugal
01.09.01.....Rep of Ireland-Holland
05.09.01.....Cyprus-Portugal
05.09.01.....Holland-Estonia
06.10.01.....Holland-Andorra
06.10.01.....Portugal-Estonia
06.10.01.....Rep of Ireland-Cyprus

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Portugal	3	2	1	0	6	2	7
Estonia	4	2	0	2	4	6	6
Rep of Ireland	3	1	2	0	5	3	5
Holland	3	1	1	1	6	4	4
Cyprus	2	1	0	1	3	6	3
Andorra	3	0	0	3	3	6	0

Group 3

02.09.00.....Bulgaria-Czech Republic 0-1
02.09.00.....Iceland-Denmark.....1-2
02.09.00.....Northern Ireland-Malta.....1-0
07.10.00.....Bulgaria-Malta.....3-0
07.10.00.....Czech Republic-Iceland.....4-0
07.10.00.....Northern Ireland-Denmark 1-1
11.10.00.....Denmark-Bulgaria 1-1
11.10.00.....Iceland-Northern Ireland 1-0
11.10.00.....Malta-Czech Republic 0-0
24.03.01.....Northern Ireland-Czech Republic
25.03.01.....Bulgaria-Iceland
25.03.01.....Malta-Denmark
28.03.01.....Bulgaria-Northern Ireland
28.03.01.....Czech Republic-Denmark
25.04.01.....Malta-Iceland
02.06.01.....Denmark-Czech Republic
02.06.01.....Iceland-Malta
02.06.01.....Northern Ireland-Bulgaria
06.06.01.....Czech Republic-Northern Ireland
06.06.01.....Denmark-Malta
06.06.01.....Iceland-Bulgaria
01.09.01.....Denmark-Northern Ireland
01.09.01.....Iceland-Czech Republic
01.09.01.....Malta-Bulgaria
05.09.01.....Bulgaria-Denmark
05.09.01.....Czech Republic-Malta
05.09.01.....Northern Ireland-Iceland
06.10.01.....Czech Republic-Bulgaria
06.10.01.....Denmark-Iceland
06.10.01.....Malta-Northern Ireland

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Czech Republic	3	2	1	0	5	0	7
Denmark	3	1	2	0	4	3	5
Bulgaria	3	1	1	1	4	2	4
Northern Ireland	3	1	1	1	2	2	4
Iceland	3	1	0	2	2	6	3
Malta	3	0	1	2	0	4	1

Group 4

02.09.00.....Azerbaijan-Sweden.....0-1
02.09.00.....Turkey-Moldova 2-0
03.09.00.....Slovakia-Macedonia.....2-0
06.10.00.....Macedonia-Azerbaijan 3-0
07.10.00.....Moldova-Slovakia.....0-1
07.10.00.....Sweden-Turkey 1-1
11.10.00.....Azerbaijan-Turkey 0-1
11.10.00.....Moldova-Macedonia.....0-0
11.10.00.....Slovakia-Sweden 0-0
24.03.01.....Azerbaijan-Moldova
24.03.01.....Sweden-Macedonia
24.03.01.....Turkey-Slovakia
28.03.01.....Macedonia-Turkey
28.03.01.....Moldova-Sweden
28.03.01.....Slovakia-Azerbaijan
02.06.01.....Macedonia-Moldova
02.06.01.....Sweden-Slovakia
02.06.01.....Turkey-Azerbaijan
06.06.01.....Azerbaijan-Slovakia
06.06.01.....Sweden-Moldova
06.06.01.....Turkey-Macedonia
01.09.01.....Macedonia-Sweden
01.09.01.....Moldova-Azerbaijan
01.09.01.....Slovakia-Turkey
05.09.01.....Azerbaijan-Macedonia
05.09.01.....Slovakia-Moldova
05.09.01.....Turkey-Sweden
07.10.01.....Macedonia-Slovakia
07.10.01.....Moldova-Turkey
07.10.01.....Sweden-Azerbaijan

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Turkey	3	2	1	0	4	1	7
Slovakia	3	2	1	0	3	0	7
Sweden	3	1	2	0	2	1	5
Macedonia	3	1	1	1	3	2	4
Moldova	3	0	1	2	0	3	1
Azerbaijan	3	0	0	3	0	5	0

Group 5

02.09.00.....Belarus-Wales.....2-1
02.09.00.....Norway-Armenia 0-0
02.09.00.....Ukraine-Poland.....1-3
07.10.00.....Armenia-Ukraine 2-3
07.10.00.....Poland-Belarus.....3-1
07.10.00.....Wales-Norway.....1-1
11.10.00.....Belarus-Armenia 2-1
11.10.00.....Norway-Ukraine 0-1
11.10.00.....Poland-Wales 0-0
24.03.01.....Armenia-Wales
24.03.01.....Norway-Poland
24.03.01.....Ukraine-Belarus
28.03.01.....Belarus-Norway
28.03.01.....Poland-Armenia
28.03.01.....Wales-Ukraine
02.06.01.....Armenia-Belarus
02.06.01.....Ukraine-Norway
02.06.01.....Wales-Poland
06.06.01.....Armenia-Poland
06.06.01.....Norway-Belarus
06.06.01.....Ukraine-Wales
01.09.01.....Belarus-Ukraine
01.09.01.....Poland-Norway
01.09.01.....Wales-Armenia
05.09.01.....Belarus-Poland
05.09.01.....Norway-Wales
05.09.01.....Ukraine-Armenia
06.10.01.....Armenia-Norway
06.10.01.....Poland-Ukraine
06.10.01.....Wales-Belarus

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Poland	3	2	1	0	6	2	7
Belarus	3	2	0	1	5	5	6
Ukraine	3	2	0	1	5	5	6
Wales	3	0	2	1	2	3	2
Norway	3	0	2	1	1	2	2
Armenia	3	0	1	2	3	5	1

Group 6

02.09.00.....Belgium-Croatia.....0-0
02.09.00.....Latvia-Scotland.....0-1
07.10.00.....Latvia-Belgium.....0-4
07.10.00.....San Marino-Scotland.....0-2
11.10.00.....Croatia-Scotland.....1-1
15.11.00.....San Marino-Latvia
14.02.01.....Belgium-San Marino
24.03.01.....Croatia-Latvia
24.03.01.....Scotland-Belgium
28.03.01.....Scotland-San Marino
25.04.01.....Latvia-San Marino
02.06.01.....Belgium-Latvia
02.06.01.....Croatia-San Marino
06.06.01.....Latvia-Croatia
06.06.01.....San Marino-Belgium
01.09.01.....Scotland-Croatia
05.09.01.....Belgium-Scotland
05.09.01.....San Marino-Croatia
06.10.01.....Croatia-Belgium
06.10.01.....Scotland-Latvia

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Scotland	3	2	1	0	4	1	7
Belgium	2	1	1	0	4	0	4
Croatia	2	0	2	0	1	1	2
San Marino	1	0	0	1	0	2	0
Latvia	2	0	0	2	0	5	0

Group 7

02.09.00 .....Bosnia-Herzegovina-Spain 1-2
03.09.00 .....Israel-Liechtenstein.....2-0
07.10.00 .....Liechtenstein-Austria 0-1
07.10.00 .....Spain-Israel 2-0
11.10.00 .....Austria-Spain.....1-1
11.10.00 .....Israel-Bosnia-Herzegovina.....3-1
24.03.01 .....Bosnia-Herzegovina-Austria
24.03.01 .....Spain-Liechtenstein
28.03.01 .....Austria-Israel
28.03.01 .....Liechtenstein-Bosnia-Herzegovina
25.04.01 .....Austria-Liechtenstein
02.06.01 .....Liechtenstein-Israel
02.06.01 .....Spain-Bosnia-Herzegovina
06.06.01 .....Israel-Spain
01.09.01 .....Bosnia-Herzegovina-Israel
01.09.01 .....Spain-Austria
05.09.01 .....Austria-Bosnia-Herzegovina
05.09.01 .....Liechtenstein-Spain
07.10.01 .....Bosnia-Herzegovina-Liechtenstein
07.10.01 .....Israel-Austria

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Spain	3	2	1	0	5	2	7
Israel	3	2	0	1	5	3	6
Austria	2	1	1	0	2	1	4
Bosnia-Herz	2	0	0	2	2	5	0
Liechtenstein	2	0	0	2	0	3	0

Group 8

03.09.00.....Hungary-Italy.....2-2
03.09.00.....Romania-Lithuania 1-0
07.10.00.....Italy-Romania 3-0
07.10.00.....Lithuania-Georgia.....0-4
11.10.00.....Italy-Georgia.....2-0
11.10.00.....Lithuania-Hungary.....1-6
24.03.01.....Hungary-Lithuania
24.03.01.....Romania-Italy
28.03.01.....Georgia-Romania
28.03.01.....Italy-Lithuania
02.06.01.....Georgia-Italy
02.06.01.....Romania-Hungary
06.06.01.....Hungary-Georgia
06.06.01.....Lithuania-Romania
01.09.01.....Georgia-Hungary
01.09.01.....Lithuania-Italy
05.09.01.....Georgia-Lithuania
05.09.01.....Hungary-Romania
06.10.01.....Italy-Hungary
06.10.01.....Romania-Georgia

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Italy	3	2	1	0	7	2	7
Hungary	2	1	1	0	8	3	4
Georgia	2	1	0	1	4	2	3
Romania	2	1	0	1	1	3	3
Lithuania	3	0	0	3	1	11	0

Group 9

02.09.00.....Finland-Albania 2-1
02.09.00.....Germany-Greece 2-0
07.10.00.....England-Germany.....0-1
07.10.00.....Greece-Finland.....1-0
11.10.00.....Albania-Greece.....2-0
11.10.00.....Finland-England 0-0
24.03.01.....England-Finland
24.03.01.....Germany-Albania
28.03.01.....Albania-England
28.03.01.....Greece-Germany
02.06.01.....Finland-Germany
02.06.01.....Greece-Albania
06.06.01.....Albania-Germany
06.06.01.....Greece-England
01.09.01.....Albania-Finland
01.09.01.....Germany-England
05.09.01.....England-Albania
05.09.01.....Finland-Greece
06.10.01.....England-Greece
06.10.01.....Germany-Finland

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Germany	2	2	0	0	3	0	6
Finland	3	1	1	1	2	2	4
Albania	2	1	0	1	3	2	3
Greece	3	1	0	2	1	4	3
England	2	0	1	1	0	1	1

Group winners qualify automatically for the finals. The nine group runners-up and the third-placed Asian team will be drawn in five head-to-head ties, the winners of which also qualify for the finals.

THE FOOTBALL CONFEDERATION

3 teams qualify

PRELIMINARY PHASE

Central American Zone Group A

El Salvador, Belize, Guatemala

05.03.00 .....El Salvador-Belize 5-0
19.03.00 .....*Belize-Guatemala 1-2
02.04.00 .....Guatemala-El Salvador.....0-1
16.04.00 .....Belize-El Salvador 1-3
07.05.00 .....El Salvador-Guatemala.....1-1
20.05.00 .....**Guatemala-Belize.....0-0
**In Panama City*
***In Tegucigalpa, Honduras*

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
El Salvador	4	3	1	0	10	2	10
Guatemala	4	1	2	1	3	3	5
Belize	4	0	1	3	2	10	1

Central American Zone Group B

Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama

04.03.00 .....Honduras-Nicaragua 3-0
19.03.00 .....Nicaragua-Panama 0-2
02.04.00 .....Panama-Honduras 1-0
16.04.00 .....Nicaragua-Honduras 0-1
07.05.00 .....Honduras-Panama 3-1
21.05.00 .....Panama-Nicaragua 4-0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Panama	4	3	0	1	8	3	9
Honduras	4	3	0	1	7	2	9
Nicaragua	4	0	0	4	0	10	0

Group winners qualified for the overall confederation semi-final round. Group A runners-up played off against Caribbean Zone Group 2 runners-up for a semi-final round place; Group B runners-up played off against Caribbean Zone Group 3 runners-up for a semi-final round place.

Caribbean Zone first round

Group 1
05.03.00.....Cuba-Cayman Islands.....4-0
19.03.00.....Cayman Islands-Cuba.....0-0
.....*Cuba 4-0 on agg*
05.03.00.....St Lucia-Surinam.....1-0
19.03.00.....Surinam-St Lucia .....(aet) 1-0
.....*Agg 1-1. Surinam 3-1 on pens*
05.03.00.....Barbados-Grenada 2-2
18.03.00.....Grenada-Barbados 2-3
.....*Barbados 5-4 on agg*
11.03.00.....Aruba-Puerto Rico 4-2
18.03.00.....Puerto Rica-Aruba 2-2
.....*Aruba 6-4 on agg*

Group 2
05.03.00.....St Vincent-US Virgin Islands.....9-0
19.03.00.....US Virgin Islands-St Vincent.....1-5
.....*St Vincent 14-1 on agg*
05.03.00.....British Virgin Is-Bermuda 1-5
19.03.00.....Bermuda-British Virgin Is 9-0
.....*Bermuda 14-1 on agg*
18.03.00.....St Kitts-Turks & Caicos Is.....8-0
21.03.00.....Turks & Caicos Is-St Kitts* 0-6
.....*St Kitts 14-0 on agg*
Guyana v Antigua & Barbuda – Guyana suspended by FIFA; Antigua & Barbuda went through to second round.
**2nd leg also played in St Kitts*

Group 3
04.03.00.....Trinidad & Tob-Dutch Antilles 5-0
18.03.00.....Dutch Antilles-Trinidad & Tob 1-1
.....*Trinidad & Tobago 6-1 on agg*
05.03.00.....Anguilla-Bahamas 1-3
19.03.00.....Bahamas-Anguilla 2-1
.....*Bahamas 5-2 on agg*
05.03.00.....Dominican Rep-Montserrat 3-0
19.03.00.....Montserrat-Dominican Rep 1-3
.....*Dominican Republic 6-1 on agg*
11.03.00.....Haiti-Dominica.....4-0
19.03.00.....Dominica-Haiti.....1-3
.....*Haiti 7-1 on agg*

Caribbean Zone second round

Group 1
01.04.00.....Aruba-Barbados 1-3
16.04.00.....Barbados-Aruba 4-0
.....*Barbados 7-1 on agg*
02.04.00.....Cuba-Surinam 1-0
16.04.00.....Surinam-Cuba 0-0
.....*Cuba 1-0 on agg*

Group 2
16.04.00.....Antigua & Barbuda-Bermuda 0-0
23.04.00.....Bermuda-Antigua & Barbuda 1-1
.....*Agg 1-1. Antigua & Barbuda on away gls*
16.04.00.....St Vincent-St Kitts 1-0
23.04.00.....St Kitts-St Vincent 1-2
.....*St Vincent 3-1 on agg*

Group 3
01.04.00.....Haiti-Bahamas.....9-0
16.04.00.....Bahamas-Haiti.....0-4
.....*Haiti 13-0 on agg*
02.04.00.....Trinidad & Tob-Dominican Rep 3-0
16.04.00.....Dominican Rep-Trinidad & Tob 0-1
.....*Trinidad & Tobago 4-0 on agg*

Caribbean Zone finals

Group 1
07.05.00.....Cuba-Barbados.....1-1
21.05.00.....Barbados-Cuba.....1-1
.....*Agg 2-2. Barbados 5-4 on pens*

Group 2
07.05.00.....Antigua & Barbuda-St Vincent.....2-1
21.05.00.....St Vincent-Antigua & Barbuda.....4-0
.....*St Vincent 5-2 on agg*

Group 3
07.05.00.....Trinidad & Tobago-Haiti 3-1
20.05.00.....Haiti-Trinidad & Tobago 1-1
.....*Trinidad & Tobago 4-2 on agg*

The three Finals winners qualified for the overall confederation semi-final round.
Group 1 runners-up played off against Canada for a semi-final round place; Group 2 runners-up played off against Central American Zone Group A runners-up for a semi-final round place; Group 3 runners-up played off against Central American Zone Group B runners-up for a semi-final round place.

INTER-ZONE PLAY-OFFS

04.06.00.....Cuba-Canada.....0-1
11.06.00.....Canada-Cuba.....0-0
.....*Canada 1-0 on agg*

11.06.00.....Antigua & Barbuda-Guatemala.....0-1
18.06.00.....Guatemala-Antigua & Barbuda.....8-1
.....*Guatemala 9-1 on agg*

03.06.00.....Honduras-Haiti 4-0
17.06.00.....Haiti-Honduras 1-3
.....*Honduras 7-1 on agg*

SEMI-FINAL ROUND

Costa Rica, Jamaica, Mexico and the USA qualified directly for the semi-final round.

Group C: Canada, Mexico, Panama, Trinidad & Tobago.

16.07.00.....Canada-Trinidad & Tobago.....0-2
16.07.00.....Panama-Mexico 0-1
23.07.00.....Panama-Canada.....0-0
23.07.00.....Trinidad & Tobago-Mexico 1-0
15.08.00.....Mexico-Canada 2-0
16.08.00.....Trinidad & Tobago-Panama.....6-0
03.09.00.....Mexico-Panama 7-1
03.09.00.....Trinidad & Tobago-Canada.....4-0
08.10.00.....Mexico-Trinidad & Tobago 7-0
09.10.00.....Canada-Panama.....1-0
15.11.00.....Canada-Mexico
15.11.00.....Panama-Trinidad & Tobago

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Mexico*	5	4	0	1	17	2	12
Trinidad & Tob*	5	4	0	1	13	7	12
Canada	5	1	1	3	1	8	4
Panama	5	0	1	4	1	15	1

Group D: El Salvador, Honduras, Jamaica, St Vincent & The Grenadines.

16.07.00.....El Salvador-Honduras.....2-5
16.07.00.....St Vincent-Jamaica 0-1
23.07.00.....El Salvador-St Vincent.....7-1
23.07.00.....Jamaica-Honduras 3-1
16.08.00.....Honduras-St Vincent 6-0
16.08.00.....Jamaica-El Salvador 1-0
02.09.00.....Honduras-El Salvador.....5-0
03.09.00.....Jamaica-St Vincent 2-0
08.10.00.....Honduras-Jamaica 1-0
08.10.00.....St Vincent-El Salvador.....1-2
15.11.00.....El Salvador-Jamaica
15.11.00.....St Vincent-Honduras

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Honduras*	5	4	0	1	18	5	12
Jamaica*	5	4	0	1	7	2	12
El Salvador	5	2	0	3	11	13	6
St Vincent	5	0	0	5	2	18	0

Group E: Barbados, Costa Rica, Guatemala, USA.

16.07.00.....Barbados-Costa Rica.....2-1
16.07.00.....Guatemala-USA 1-1
22.07.00.....Guatemala-Barbados.....2-0
23.07.00.....Costa Rica-USA 2-1
15.08.00.....Costa Rica-Guatemala.....2-1
16.08.00.....United States-Barbados 7-0
03.09.00.....Costa Rica-Barbados.....3-0
03.09.00.....United States-Guatemala 1-0
08.10.00.....Barbados-Guatemala.....1-2
11.10.00.....United States-Costa Rica 0-0
15.11.00.....Barbados-United States
15.11.00.....Guatemala-Costa Rica

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Costa Rica	5	3	1	1	8	4	10
USA	5	2	2	1	10	3	8
Guatemala	5	2	1	2	6	5	7
Barbados	5	1	0	4	3	15	3

The top two from each qualify for a final round group of six.

**Qualified for Final Round.*

FINAL ROUND

The six semi-final round qualifiers meet in a round-robin group. The top three qualify for the finals.

SOUTH AMERICA

4 or 5 teams qualify

Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, Venezuela

28.03.00.....Colombia-Brazil.....0-0
29.03.00.....Argentina-Chile 4-1
29.03.00.....Ecuador-Venezuela 2-0
29.03.00.....Peru-Paraguay 2-0
29.03.00.....Uruguay-Bolivia.....1-0
26.04.00.....Bolivia-Colombia 1-1
26.04.00.....Brazil-Ecuador.....3-2
26.04.00.....Chile-Peru 1-1
26.04.00.....Paraguay-Uruguay.....1-0
26.04.00.....Venezuela-Argentina 0-4
03.06.00.....Paraguay-Ecuador.....3-1
03.06.00.....Uruguay-Chile.....2-1
04.06.00.....Argentina-Bolivia.....1-0
04.06.00.....Colombia-Venezuela.....3-0
04.06.00.....Peru-Brazil 0-1
28.06.00.....Brazil-Uruguay 1-1
28.06.00.....Venezuela-Bolivia.....4-2
29.06.00.....Chile-Paraguay.....3-1
29.06.00.....Colombia-Argentina 1-3
29.06.00.....Ecuador-Peru 2-1
18.07.00.....Paraguay-Brazil.....2-1
18.07.00.....Uruguay-Venezuela 3-1
19.07.00.....Argentina-Ecuador 2-0
19.07.00.....Bolivia-Chile 1-0
19.07.00.....Peru-Colombia.....0-1
25.07.00.....Ecuador-Colombia.....0-0
25.07.00.....Venezuela-Chile 0-2
26.07.00.....Brazil-Argentina 3-1
26.07.00.....Uruguay-Peru 0-0
27.07.00.....Bolivia-Paraguay 0-0
15.08.00.....Chile-Brazil.....3-0
15.08.00.....Colombia-Uruguay.....1-0
16.08.00.....Argentina-Paraguay 1-1
16.08.00.....Ecuador-Bolivia 2-0
16.08.00.....Peru-Venezuela 1-0
02.09.00.....Chile-Colombia.....0-1
02.09.00.....Paraguay-Venezuela 3-0
03.09.00.....Brazil-Bolivia 5-0
03.09.00.....Peru-Argentina 1-2
03.09.00.....Uruguay-Ecuador 4-0
07.10.00.....Colombia-Paraguay.....0-2
08.10.00 .....Argentina-Uruguay 2-1
08.10.00.....Bolivia-Peru.....1-0
08.10.00.....Ecuador-Chile.....1-0
08.10.00.....Venezuela-Brazil 0-6
14.11.00.....Brazil-Colombia
14.11.00.....Paraguay-Peru
15.11.00.....Bolivia-Uruguay
15.11.00.....Chile-Argentina
15.11.00.....Venezuela-Ecuador
27.03.01.....Argentina-Venezuela
27.03.01.....Ecuador-Brazil
27.03.01.....Peru-Chile
28.03.01.....Colombia-Bolivia
28.03.01.....Uruguay-Paraguay
24.04.01.....Chile-Uruguay
24.04.01.....Ecuador-Paraguay
24.04.01.....Venezuela-Colombia
25.04.01.....Bolivia-Argentina
25.04.01.....Brazil-Peru
02.06.01.....Paraguay-Chile
02.06.01.....Peru-Ecuador
03.06.01.....Argentina-Colombia
03.06.01.....Bolivia-Venezuela
03.06.01.....Uruguay-Brazil
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14.08.01.....Venezuela-Uruguay
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05.09.01.....Colombia-Ecuador
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06.10.01.....Bolivia-Ecuador
06.10.01.....Brazil-Chile
06.10.01.....Paraguay-Argentina
06.10.01.....Uruguay-Colombia
06.10.01.....Venezuela-Peru
07.11.01.....Argentina-Peru
07.11.01.....Bolivia-Brazil
07.11.01.....Colombia-Chile
07.11.01.....Ecuador-Uruguay
07.11.01.....Venezuela-Paraguay
14.11.01.....Brazil-Venezuela
14.11.01.....Chile-Ecuador
14.11.01.....Paraguay-Colombia
14.11.01.....Peru-Bolivia
14.11.01.....Uruguay-Argentina

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Argentina	9	7	1	1	20	8	22
Brazil	9	5	2	2	20	9	17
Paraguay	9	5	2	2	13	8	17
Colombia	9	4	3	2	8	6	15
Uruguay	9	4	2	3	12	7	14
Ecuador	9	4	1	4	10	13	13
Chile	9	3	1	5	11	11	10
Peru	9	2	2	5	6	8	8
Bolivia	9	2	2	5	5	14	8
Venezuela	9	1	0	8	5	26	3

Top four teams qualify automatically for the finals. Fifth-placed team play off against winners of Oceania section for a place in the finals.

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Lazio hog the headlines

Paddy Agnew in Rome on Sven Goran Eriksson's impending departure from the Serie A champions

Off again...Zidane walks after being sent off for Juventus against Hamburg

IT IS getting hard to keep Italian champions Lazio out of the news. When they are not making negative headlines with less than impressive performances on the pitch, such as the 2-0 Champions League defeat by Arsenal, then it is the turn of club protagonists such as Yugoslav defender Sinisa Mihajlovic and Swedish coach Sven Goran Eriksson to grab the front page.

Without any doubt, Eriksson's decision to accept the job of England manager represented a major shock, not just for the Italian champions but also for the entire Italian footballing movement. While some commentators expressed concern about such a decision being taken so far ahead of time – Eriksson is due to see out his contract with Lazio until the end of the season – members of his coaching peer group all argued that the Swede had done the right thing

"This was a very prestigious offer and one fully deserved by a man like Eriksson, who has given so much to football and not just to Italian football," commented ex-Italy coach Cesare Maldini. "The fact that he is the first foreigner to coach the England national team says all you need to say about Eriksson and the honour bestowed on him."

Other former Italy coaches such as Arrigo Sacchi and Azeglio Vicini echoed Maldini's sentiments, pointing out with a touch of realism that Eriksson had probably chosen just the right moment to leave Italy since it would be difficult to keep on winning, year after year, with Lazio.

Intriguingly, the vast majority of Lazio fans appeared to accept Eriksson's decision with equanimity. When Lazio faced Brescia at the Olympic stadium, on the day after Eriksson's appointment as England manager was officially confirmed, he was greeted with a warm round of applause. The fact that Lazio then went on to win the game 2-1 certainly did him no harm.

Eriksson's imminent departure after 13 seasons in Serie A not only deprives us of one of the most courteous and affable of coaches working in Italian soccer but it also leaves some awkward questions hanging in the air over Lazio.

The Italian media now have a ready-made club with which to beat the Swede just as soon as Lazio have a bad run. One or two defeats will be enough for commentators to argue that Eriksson has 'lost his touch' at Lazio because he is too busy preparing to take over England.

For the time being, club owner Sergio Cragnotti is insisting that Eriksson will prove more than capable of seeing out his contract right through to next June.

Cragnotti described calls for the Swede to leave immediately as "just plain stupid", adding: "In today's football world, the world of showbusiness, I see nothing wrong with the fact that Eriksson is in London at a press conference in the morning and at training in Formello in the afternoon. A winning cycle with Eriksson is coming to an end but that end is next June and between now and then both he and the players are determined to win more trophies."

That all sounds well and good yet the suspicion remains that, should things go wrong results-wise, then Eriksson might be given an earlier than anticipated heave-ho. Fortunately for Lazio, they have the perfect in-house replacement in Dino Zoff, who rejoined the club's administration this autumn in the wake of his post-Euro 2000 resignation from the Italy job.

Once in the past, in January 1997, Zoff stepped down from the boardroom to the training pitch, relinquishing his role as Lazio president to take over from sacked coach Zdenek Zeman. Intriguingly, too, Lazio went from then to the end

of that season without losing a Serie A match.

Given some of the team's erratic early season form this term it is not difficult to foresee problems for Eriksson. As we suggested in our annual pre-season assessment, Lazio look certain to pay a heavy price for a transfer campaign concentrated on finding firepower up front (the Argentinians Claudio Lopez and Hernan Crespo) rather than strengthening a defence in which only captain Alessandro Nesta looks solid and reliable.

Current Lazio limitations were certainly highlighted by their Champions League encounters with Arsenal which saw the London club pick up four points with a home win and an away draw. Sinisa Mihajlovic was in trouble here both as a defender and, more seriously, for having allegedly racially abused Arsenal's black midfielder Patrick Vieira throughout the return leg.

Vieira's post-match accusation was bad enough but Mihajlovic's 'justification' next day at Formello was arguably even more disturbing.

"What Vieira says is not true. I didn't call him a monkey. It's true that I did call him a black shit but that's not the same as calling him a negro shit, is it? He called me a gypsy shit and that was my way of replying. I'm not racist and I've nothing against blacks, but if he is going to start dishing it out then he's got to be ready to take it, too," said Mihajlovic.

'If results go wrong for Eriksson, Lazio have the perfect in-house replacement in Dino Zoff'

The affair shines yet another unflattering light on Mihajlovic, a player whose alleged links to former Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic and to the indicted war criminal Arkan have already prompted much speculation.

Mihajlovic, to be fair, did go out of his way to make amends by reading an anti-racism statement prior to Lazio's 5-1 win against hapless Ukraine side Shakhtar Donetsk one week later. The statement looked like a good public relations move but doubts remain both about Mihajlovic the defender and Mihajlovic the sponsor of ethnic-minority causes.

Astonishing doubts, too, have come to mind re none other than Juventus and France wizard Zinedine Zidane. Two sendings-off in consecutive Champions League games not only put the Juventus back to the wall but also suggested that something must be wrong with Zidane.

On the contrary, says his coach Carlo Ancelotti. The Frenchman has never been better – settled and happy off the pitch, in brilliant form on it. Yet, after less than half an hour of Juve's home Champions League tie with Hamburg, Zidane, a player whose incomparable elegance, football intelligence and inventiveness makes him arguably the best player in the world, abandoned football and resorted to backstreet fighter tactics.

Those at the stadium and, more significantly, those millions of televiewers around the world could hardly believe their eyes as Zidane expertly and violently butted Hamburg defender Jochen Kientz.

Scottish referee Stuart Dougal had no option but to order off the field one of contemporary soccer's most glittering icons. Deprived of him and subsequently of Dutch midfielder Edgar Davids, Juventus inevitably struggled, losing 3-1 after playing for nearly an hour with just nine men.

It is true that Zidane had been the object of some tough marking from Kientz prior to the incident. It is also possible that referee Dougal might have intervened earlier to afford Zidane more protection. Yet for a player of the talent, fame and experience of the Frenchman, these are inadequate excuses.

Perhaps Zidane's roots in the tough Marseille suburb of La Castellane explain the gesture, one that was oddly similar to the way he walked on an opponent during France's first round win against Saudi Arabia at France 98. He was sent off on that occasion, too.

While Ancelotti ponders the Zidane conundrum, new Inter coach Marco Tardelli is likewise scratching his head after League wins against Napoli and Roma were interspersed with a 0-0 UEFA Cup, first leg home draw with Dutch side Vitesse Arnhem and a 3-0 League drubbing by Udinese.

Tardelli has, at least, managed to pick up two wins in three League outings, more than Zdenek Zeman has managed at newly-promoted Napoli, who are already looking destined for a quick return to Serie B. But more of that anon.

Pro-file Francesco Coco

Left wing-back blazing a trail for club and country

FRANCESCO COCO is an important standard bearer. At a time when it is all too fashionable to lament the problems faced by young Italian players trying to emerge in Serie A, the 23-year-old has proved that there is still space at the top for homegrown quality talent.

If there have been two success stories in Italy this autumn, they concern the club Milan and the national team, coached by Giovanni Trapattoni.

Curiously, Coco has played a significant part in both, making his debut for Italy in a thrilling 3-0 World Cup qualifying win against Romania in Milan after starring for his club side in the Champions League. Trapattoni apparently had no worries about throwing young Coco into the fray, and he made an excellent debut, using his pace to constantly get behind the Romanian defence down the left flank. The Italians would appear to have found a new, important player for the future.

When *World Soccer* caught up with Coco at Milan's training ground, he was beginning to learn to deal with the effects of his new-found fame, having just collected a huge handful of fan mail.

Coco said: "If people had told me four months ago that I was set to make my international debut, I just wouldn't have believed them. It has all happened very quickly.

"It was a totally galvanising experience. The fact that the game was at the San Siro, however, helped me a lot, psychologically, because it was as if I was playing in my own backyard."

San Siro is indeed Coco's home ground in the sense that he is a product of the Milan youth team. Born in Catania, Sicily, Coco made his club debut at the age of 18 in a 2-1 Serie A win away to Padova on the opening day of the 1995-96 season. But he played only a handful of games before he was shipped off to Vicenza on loan for a season before returning to Milan. Frustrated by further inactivity, he was happy to move to Torino last season, again on loan.

Looking back on the experience of being 'sent to the provinces', Coco now says he has no regrets. "If you're a young player at a big club that has lots of big-name players, it is obviously not easy to win a team place. In such a case, it's right for the player to go off on loan to other clubs because that way he gets to play regularly and consistently, and thus picks up a load of experience. Then, when the time comes, you're ready to come back to the 'mother house', just as I did with Milan.

"I grew up with Milan and I did everything possible to get back to the club and win a team place this season. I've always felt that this was my team and my dream is to play for many, many years for Milan and then end my career here."

Given the way he has been playing this autumn, Coco might well fulfil his dream.

Paddy Agnew

Fact file

Club Milan
Country Italy
Born January 8, 1977, in Catania
Previous clubs Vicenza, Torino
International debut October 2000, v Romania
International caps 2 (0 goals)

Camp Nou nightmare

Jeff King witnesses Luis Figo's return to Barcelona

Big game hunters...Real Madrid's Guti tangles with Xavi of Barcelona at Camp Nou

HISTORY will record that Real Madrid lost 2-0 at Barcelona on the day Luis Figo returned to his former stamping ground. In reality, the real loser was football itself. After the game, Barça president Joan Gaspart gave the thumbs-up to Camp Nou's impersonation of a Roman arena by describing the crowd's intimidatory behaviour as "perfect".

Beyond Spanish football's partisan divide, the fact that Figo had returned to Barcelona and got out alive was greeted as reasonably good news. Like being roughed up for your wallet as opposed to being beaten senseless for it. The player himself described his 90-minute stop on the Catalan road to Calvary as one of the "richest experiences" of his life. Either he was being ironic or he's a masochist.

Michael Laudrup has described his 1995 return to Barcelona as the worst day of his life. "I took one look at the crowd and was paralysed," said the Dane, who wandered around in a trance for 66 minutes until then Real Madrid coach Jorge Valdano opted for a mercy substitution.

Unlike Laudrup, Figo went the distance, but his impact was equally negligible. The Portuguese player reacted to the cacophony of abuse as he took the field by sheepishly placing his fingers in his ears. Shutting out the 'Figo die' chants that echoed around Camp Nou for the next 90 minutes proved a lot harder. The fearless competitor who was the heart and soul of the Barcelona team for five seasons was absent.

Cynics might argue that the world's most expensive footballer should perform on even the most hostile stages. In Figo's defence, his team-mates seemed equally determined not to rile the salivating Barça masses by offering anything more than token resistance. That, however, was par for the course.

Real's form can be good, bad or indifferent, but they are guaranteed to flop at Barcelona. Since a 2-1 victory at Camp Nou in 1983, Madrid have won seven League titles, two Champions Leagues and a World Club Cup, but never again at the Catalan centre.

In other words, some formidable Madrid sides have rolled over and died at Camp Nou. Figo can point to mitigating circumstances. But what about Raul, Roberto Carlos and Hierro? Or Hugo Sanchez, Butragueno, Michel and Gordillo before them? Real icons who boast not a single win at Barcelona between them.

In some quarters, Figo's decision to take the fifth amendment in the build-up to his Barcelona return was interpreted as a sign of embarrassment or regret. But in the same week, he wasn't too embarrassed to put his face to a merchant bank's latest advertising campaign mouthing the slogan: "Change is always good if it's for the better."

If you worship at the altar of filthy lucre in such unrepentant fashion you can hardly complain about a few 'money-grabbing Judas' banners.

But banners and noise levels worthy of a disgruntled jumbo jet are one thing, unadulterated hooliganism is another. The Real Madrid players were pelted with plastic bottles, fake banknotes, fruit, lighters, lollipops and even mobile phones every time they got within spitting distance of the crowd.

Figo never got that close. In five League games before the Barcelona showdown, the Portuguese player had taken 23 of Madrid's 29 corners. At Camp Nou he didn't take any. Neither did he venture anywhere near the flanks. One of the main reasons Luis Figo is the world's most expensive footballer is because he is a full-back's worst nightmare. Expecting him to justify his price-tag while ambling around the centre circle is like asking Maurice Green to run the 100 metres on one leg.

"It was my decision that Luis didn't take the corners," admitted Madrid coach Vicente Del Bosque. "We didn't want to cause a rumpus or be provocative."

That was akin to letting the thugs dictate the agenda. The feckless Spanish FA conspired to set a dangerous precedent by fining Barcelona a token £5,000 for allowing their fans to turn the four corners of the Camp Nou pitch into a rubbish tip.

Luis Enrique opened the scoring against his former club. Figo's compatriot and clone on Barcelona's right wing, Simao, piled on the irony with the second goal. Unfortunately, the Barça players tarnished 90 minutes of good work by hugging and kissing Figo like a long-lost brother at the final whistle. A press circular admitting "We, too, would betray the Barça fans for 30 pieces of silver" would not have been more eloquent.

Clearly, mercenaries don't care who wins the war as long as they get their share of the spoils. Fittingly, Luis Enrique, Alfonso, Dani and Celades made it a record five players to play in the same Barça-Madrid game after switching camps.

Naturally, Real Madrid were keen to use what president Florentino Perez described as a "war-like" atmosphere to justify their latest capitulation in Barcelona. "I spent the 90 minutes worrying about being hit by flying objects," said Roberto Carlos. "All we wanted to do was get out of Barcelona alive."

Surprisingly, Figo himself chose to play down the crowd's role in Madrid's defeat. "There's been too much talk about the atmosphere and about us being afraid," he insisted. "If we had been afraid we'd have stayed at home. We played badly, it's as simple as that. The last thing I want is for people to be sorry for me. The only thing I'm sorry about is the result."

Ominously for his former team, he added: "Now I'm more determined than ever to triumph at Real Madrid. Scores are not settled until the end of the season."

> 'I spent the whole game worrying about being hit by objects. All we wanted to do was get out of Barcelona' – Roberto Carlos

While the rest of Spain had its gaze fixed on Figo's Camp Nou tribulations, Valencia were beating Zaragoza to go top of the table for the first time in seven years. Four days earlier Hector Cuper's side had become the only side to open the new Champions League campaign with four straight wins. Real Madrid and Deportivo also made relatively light work of their opening groups.

Like Valencia, Madrid sealed qualification for the second stage with two games to spare.

After 3-2 and 5-3 victories over Bayer Leverkusen, Madrid then thrashed Sporting Lisbon 4-0 to seal first place in Group A. The opening goal was Real Madrid's 500th in Europe's premier competition. To put that achievement into context, the next best tally is Bayern Munich's 293.

Fittingly, the historic goal was scored by early season revelation Guti. The 24-year-old midfielder has flattered to deceive in the past, but his nine goals in 12 games as a makeshift striker is the main reason the convalescent Fernando Morientes wasn't missed in the first two months of the season.

Champions League debutants Deportivo qualified with a game to spare, albeit in more prosaic style. After 0-0 and 1-1 draws with Juventus, Javier Irureta's side beat Panathinaikos 1-0 to make their closing match at Hamburg a formality.

Irureta is delighted with the way new boys Pandiani, Emerson and Cesar Sampaio have slotted in to Depor's well-oiled machine. A half-empty Riazor for the first Champions League games in La Coruna is less cause for celebration.

Of Spain's Champions League participants, only Barcelona went into their final group match unsure of qualification. Either side of beating Real Madrid, Barça secured highly creditable draws at Milan and Leeds. On both occasions they deserved to win but were undone by keeper Richard Dutruel's gaffes.

The draws at San Siro and Elland Road left Barcelona praying that already-qualified Milan would do the honourable thing and beat Leeds on the last day.

Six games into the season, the Spanish League already boasted two managerial casualties. Zaragoza's failure to defend a 4-1 lead at Wisla Krakow in the UEFA Cup spelt the end for Juan Manuel Lillo, who had also overseen a poor League start.

Javier Clemente's career continued to dive when he was sacked by Real Sociedad after his team shipped 10 goals in back-to-back games against Barcelona and Rayo Vallecano. The former Spain coach has now been shown the door by Athletic Bilbao (twice), Atletico Madrid, Espanyol and Betis, and admits he is running out of potential employers at home. "Maybe it's time I try my luck abroad," he admits.

Clemente's replacement is Periko Alonso, a midfield powerhouse in Real Sociedad's championship-winning sides of 1981 and 1982.

Pro-file Juan Sanchez

Second fiddle now leading the Valencia orchestra

THE major doubt about Valencia's prospects as the new season began centred on their goalscoring potential in the wake of Claudio Lopez's defection to Lazio. Neither the raw Norwegian John Carew nor Uruguayan journeyman Diego Alonso were fancied to match Lopez's strike-rate.

As it has turned out, neither of Hector Cuper's attacking recruits have started in goalscoring form. Luckily for the coach, an unsung hero has stepped up to take the slack.

Juan Sanchez has spent most of his career in the shadow of higher profile foreign players. In his 1992-93 debut season the young Spaniard cut a promising figure alongside Lubo Penev. But when Predrag Mijatovic arrived at Mestalla to partner the Bulgarian in summer 1993, Valencia-born Sanchez was off-loaded to Second Division Mallorca.

A year later he was back in the top flight with Celta, but in five seasons there, Sanchez was continually playing second fiddle to the likes of Vladimir Gudelj, Haim Revivo and Penev (again). However, 13 goals in 36 League games in 1998-99 earned him an international call-up (a 14-minute debut against Italy remains his sole outing) and a second chance at his home-town club.

Last season he started 23 of the 32 League games in which he appeared. But when it came to the Champions League, Cuper opted for either the Lopez/Adrian Ilie partnership in attack or a five-man midfield. Typically, Sanchez did not get off the bench in the final.

When Carew and Alonso arrived in the close season, Sanchez's role as the perennial bit-player seemed etched in stone. But the 28-year-old had other ideas. He came off the bench in the opening game at Real Madrid and has refused to sit down since.

He scored six goals in Valencia's next four League games and notched a vital goal at Lyon as the *Ches* sealed their place in the second group stage of the Champions League.

Last season Sanchez managed just five League goals. So what has gone right? "Last year our style was very direct," says the diminutive striker. "It was all about Claudio's speed or creating space for the midfield players to get into goalscoring positions. This year we're playing a more elaborate game and using the flanks more. As a striker you thrive on good crosses. That's why I'm scoring more goals."

Between them, Sanchez, Gaizka Mendieta and a third local boy, Vicente, scored 11 of Valencia's first 13 goals this season. "In Spain we're coming round to the idea that home-grown players can be as productive as foreigners," says Sanchez. "Players like Gaizka and I had to wait a long time for our chance. Hopefully our success will make it easier for younger players coming through."

Jeff King

Fact file

Club Valencia
Country Spain
Born May 15, 1972, Valencia
Previous clubs Valencia, Mallorca, Celta Vigo
International debut November 1998, v Italy
International caps 1 (0 goals)
Honours Spanish Super Cup 1999 (Valencia)

Robert on song, Toshack in demand

Andre Duclos on the latest developments in the League

Surprise appointment...John Toshack, now at Saint-Etienne

FROM the sublime to the not quite ridiculous, you might say. Paris Saint-Germain, who spent all that money in the close season, within a few days lost 2-0 in Munich to Bayern in the Champions League, then scraped a 3-2 League win away to bottom club, Toulouse.

But for Laurent Robert, who got two of those three goals, this has been a positive season. Robert, probably best classified as an attacking midfielder, with a specially powerful left foot, was born 25 years ago on the island of Reunion and spent eight years at Montpellier before joining PSG in 1999. His club coach, Philippe Bergeroo, makes heavy demands on him, asking Robert to drop back and defend whenever necessary, and the player admits that he's been tired of late, despite his excellent scoring record. He says he "sometimes pays towards the end of a match" for such exertions, as he admits was the case in the home leg against Bayern Munich.

Robert has you might say cleaned up his act since his first season in Paris, when he was sent off three times. National coach Roger Lemerre must certainly have been impressed by his general performance as he recently picked him against South Africa, but there are those who say that in some sense, Robert's more cautious approach is typical of a PSG team who can sometimes be physically outgunned by their more robust opponents.

Yet another Brazilian is making an impact on our championship. This time it is Lucas, who cost Rennes £14million over the summer. In no time at all he has made a substantial impact on a team who have been playing bright, attacking football. The only problem seems to be that of categorising him exactly. Is he an out-and-out attacker or essentially a playmaker? Rennes manager Paul Le Guen, who is immensely pleased with his displays, limits himself to saying: "He is an attacker."

GERMANY

Bayern bounce back

It's been a topsy-turvy month for the champions, writes Nick Bidwell

THOSE who like to see the big boys trip up once in a while were in for treat when Bayern Munich took a dive on the turf of newly-promoted Energie Cottbus.

In a perfect, logical world, it should have been a non-contest – the highly-paid stars of Bundesliga leaders Bayern up against the minimum-wage artisans of Cottbus, who had lost five of their first seven games this season.

However, instead of a three-point turn, Bayern found the welcome at Cottbus' Stadion der Freundschaft (Friendship Stadium) distinctly frosty.

After catching Bayern napping with a 16th-minute breakaway goal from Vilmos Sebok, Cottbus chased and harried as though their lives depended on it. The Bavarians could not find a way through the massed ranks of the home defence and the underdogs held on to win.

"It's a great feeling to have beaten Bayern," declared Cottbus defender Christian Beeck. "We've struggled to find our feet in the Bundesliga, but this win shows we are now coming to terms with it."

It seemed that Cottbus coach Eduard Geyer, the last boss of the East Germany team, had got his tactics just right, employing three markers and a sweeper at the back, putting Jorg Scherbe on Bayern playmaker Mehmet Scholl and sitting back and counter-attacking. But at the post-match press conference, Geyer was not keen to play the matchday hero.

"I didn't come up with this game-plan," the coach asserted. "It was the idea of my assistant, Hagan Reeck. The credit should go to him."

While Geyer may be refreshingly honest and self-effacing, he is the hardest of taskmasters, too, and in a bid to keep the relegation wolf from his door he has ordained that his squad will train right through the German winter break.

Bayern boss Ottmar Hitzfeld may have been inclined to order some extra training sessions himself. The upset in Cottbus was his team's third straight reverse – following a League defeat against Hansa Rostock and a Champions League loss to Paris Saint-Germain.

Hitzfeld admitted his side was short on confidence, but denied they were in crisis and said he expected an immediate reaction from the players to halt the slump.

No sooner said than done. A 2-0 home win in the return against PSG steadied the Bavarian ship, and in their 3-1 League victory over cross-city foes 1860, Bayern were back to their dominant best.

The champions were just too quick, too technical and too hungry. Giovane Elber headed home a cross from young French full-back Willy Sagnol on the stroke of half-time; Mehmet Scholl's cut-back presented Hasan Salihamidzic with a tap-in to double their lead; and Elber made it 3-0 with a fine solo effort. A well-flighted free-kick goal from Thomas Hassler was the only sliver of respectability 1860 could muster.

Even so, Bayern would do well to beware the capital city threat to their Bundesliga title. Hertha Berlin may have succumbed to a 4-1 thumping at Bayern on the opening day of the season, but they are certainly a tougher proposition now. Four straight wins in October allowed them to move ahead of Bayern at the top of the table, and no wonder coach Jurgen Rober was smiling broadly. In the space of a few days he had extended his contract with Hertha to 2002 and taken them to the summit of the League for the first time in 30 years.

At home his side have proved unbeatable, winning all five matches. However, their first three away days – at Bayern, Wolfsburg and Unterhaching – all ended in defeat.

Ali Bouafia, himself a former centre-forward, believes that Lucas is not a true striker because he doesn't get into space. Maybe the Italian definition, a three-quarter player, would be the most accurate, as Lucas plays profitably off the Argentinian striker Mario Turdo. Another Rennes team-mate, Stephane Gregoire, emphasises the importance of Lucas' ability to hold the ball and play with his back to goal, thus greatly simplifying and rendering more economical his team's attacks.

It was quite a surprise when John Toshack, the former Wales and Liverpool star and more than once the Real Madrid manager, was named the new coach of Saint-Etienne. It had been hoped that former Argentinian centre-half Oswaldo Piazza, currently in charge of Independiente in Argentina, would take the job after Robert Nouzaret was given his cards following a disastrous start. However, Toshack it was who took over his first French club in a long and much-travelled European career.

Toshack has already changed the tactics, switching from a four-man to a five-man defence, in front of which operates a kind of advanced libero, ready when necessary to join in attacks.

It didn't, meanwhile, take any time at all for Nouzaret to find a new club; he was promptly enlisted by Toulouse, who fired Alain Giresse after a poor start. Out of the frying pan into the fire, you might justly say, for Toulouse look to have an even harder battle against relegation on their hands than Saint-Etienne.

One of the first things Nouzaret did was to change the captaincy, replacing the veteran Thierry Moreau, who seems quite philosophical about it, with Jean-Christophe Rouviere. Nouzaret has also brought in a Spanish-speaking assistant who can talk to his compatriot Barkero, Bonilla from Colombia, and Cascini and Cabrol, the Argentinians.

Strasbourg are still struggling, though their president Patrick Proisy continues to proclaim his faith in embattled manager Claude Le Roy. I suppose you could say that a 2-1 defeat at Guingamp was a darn sight better than the 4-0 home thrashing by Nantes which so embarrassingly preceded it. "It's abominable, a descent into hell," cried Le Roy after the game. Proisy said: "Claude wants to continue, and I had no objective reasons to ask him to stop."

A vote of confidence indeed. Or a loud whistle in the gathering dark?

Going solo...Elber scored a fine individual goal against 1860

Questions can be asked about their erratic Hungarian keeper Gabor Kiraly and a defence which can at times lack concentration. But Hertha have many assets: the best goalscoring midfielders in the country in Dariusz Wosz and Stefan Beinlich, the League's most promising young player in Sebastian Deisler, and finishers of the class of Michael Preetz and the Brazilian Alex Alves.

Another side with a spring in their step are Kaiserslautern. After a slow start to the season and the resignation of coach Otto Rehhagel, the Red Devils have been on a winning roll ever since ex-international Andy Brehme took the helm.

Away victories at 1860 Munich and Dortmund, plus a home win against Werder Bremen, meant maximum points from his first three games in charge and a surge into the top four.

Pro-file Sergej Barbarez

Bosnian making it big in the Bundesliga

WHEN the former Yugoslavia began to split apart, the football verdict was virtually unanimous. Observers elsewhere in Europe decided that the new states being built in the Balkans would produce nothing much to worry the rest of the continent in World Cup or European Championship.

So much for the experts. The shrunken 'new' Yugoslavia has continued to maintain its place, politics permitting, among the most effective of national teams; Croatia finished third at the last World Cup finals; and Slovenia, Macedonia and Bosnia have all produced outstanding players worthy of gracing any of Europe's major leagues.

One of them, Hamburg's Bosnian international Sergej Barbarez, is using this season's Champions League as a gallery in which to display all his attacking talents.

Barbarez began his career at Velez Mostar, then in the Yugoslavian League. His first taste of German football was at Hannover 96, from where he moved to former East German clubs Union Berlin and Hansa Rostock. It was at the latter that Barbarez began to earn rave notices for his shooting and his ability to occupy the key attacking role between midfield and the central strikers.

Borussia Dortmund needed no persuasion to sign him up in summer 1998, but the move never quite worked out and he was on his travels again this summer as Hamburg saw him as an ideal component for the fulfilment of their ambitious plans.

While the north German port side have not exactly set the Bundesliga alight this season, it is not through any lack of effort from Barbarez, who was League leading scorer after 10 games with eight goals – two more than he scored in two whole seasons at Dortmund.

The Bosnian pays tribute to his coach at Hamburg, Frank Pagelsdorf, who was also his boss at Hansa Rostock in the mid-1990s. "The strength of Hamburg now is that Pagelsdorf has built a solid team which has no weak link in any position," says Barbarez. "With Pagelsdorf, I know where I am and exactly what is expected of me."

This is quite a lot, since Barbarez has been played both as an out-and-out attacker, in the absence of Tony Yeboah (talking to his taxman), and as playmaker, in place of Jose Cardoso (injured).

The Bosnian says he has no preference for any particular role as long as he can play a key part in achieving his ambition: "To turn Hamburg into League champions for the first time in 19 years."

Then, also, of course, to see if Bosnia can advance down the international path blazed so brilliantly by Slovenia.

Keir Radnedge

Fact file

Club Hamburg (Ger)
Country Bosnia-Herzegovina
Born September 17, 1971, in Mostar
Previous clubs Velez Mostar, Hannover 96 (Ger), Union Berlin (Ger), Hansa Rostock (Ger), Borussia Dortmund (Ger)
International caps 11 (1 goal)

Promoted sides catch the eye

The Premiership's new boys are coping well, though the title race is going to form, writes Gavin Hamilton

ELEVEN games into the season and everything appears to be going by the form book. Manchester United and Arsenal top the Premier League table, with no other teams apparently capable of catching them.

But dig a little deeper and something strange is stirring. The underdogs are biting back. Ipswich, promoted in May via the play-offs, are in fifth place after an excellent start to the new campaign. Fellow new boys Charlton (11th) and Manchester City (13th) have also started confidently. (City even parted company with George Weah after the former World Footballer of the Year failed to dislodge in-form Paul Dickov from the starting line-up.)

Young talent...Matt Holland of Ipswich

Ipswich boss George Burley can claim much of the credit for Ipswich's unexpected start. The Scot has been in charge at Portman Road since December 1994. Fortunately for Ipswich, the club's directors gave Burley the support, if not the money, to mount a sustained promotion challenge after the club were relegated in May 1995.

Ipswich are now reaping the benefits of their support for Burley. The manager made few additions to his squad this summer; other than centre-back Hermann Hreidarsson, the most important signing was a new contract for England Under-21 goalkeeper Richard Wright. Instead, he has kept faith with a relatively young side, featuring the likes of Republic of Ireland international Matt Holland and England prospect Titus Bramble, and has so far been vindicated.

Ipswich's tight passing game has won many admirers and the team have already beaten Leeds and held both Manchester United and Arsenal to draws.

United and Arsenal look likely to continue their League dominance, although Liverpool, thanks to six goals in four games from Emile Heskey, have crept up to third place.

At Arsenal, Arsene Wenger has perfected the art of shuffling his squad between domestic and Champions League encounters. An impressive 1-1 draw away to Lazio secured qualification for the second group phase for Wenger's men. But the game was not without its problems since Patrick Vieira was the victim of racist abuse, both from the terraces and on the pitch, from Sinisa Mihajlovic.

While Arsenal cruised through the first group stage, United have struggled, with defeats by PSV and Anderlecht leaving the Old Trafford side needing to beat Kyiv Dynamo in their final group match to qualify for the second phase.

They have not been at all convincing in defence without the injured Jaap Stam, but it was business as usual in the League, with a 5-0 drubbing of Southampton, including a hat-trick for the in-form Teddy Sheringham.

Leeds, England's other Champions League contenders, gallantly defended a 1-0 home lead against Barcelona despite missing most of their first 11 through injury, but succumbed to a Rivaldo equaliser deep in second-half injury time. They were left needing to avoid defeat away to Milan in their final match in order to advance.

Back in the Premier League, the appointment of Peter Taylor as temporary England manager provided little consolation for Leicester, who lost their position at the top of the table following defeats by Man United and Liverpool.

Leicester have offloaded Stan Collymore to Bradford after the troublesome striker was involved in a dressing-room altercation with a team-mate during a reserve match. Typically, Collymore scored on his debut for Bradford, a 1-1 draw with Leeds. Also on the move was Ugo Ehiogu, who left Aston Villa for Middlesbrough for £8million.

SCOTLAND

Away days put Brown's side on top

THE Scottish national side has rarely generated the level of optimism among supporters that exists now, following the 2-0 World Cup qualifying win away to San Marino and the subsequent 1-1 draw in Croatia.

The results put Scotland three points clear at the top of Group 6 and once again underlined how coach Craig Brown has succeeded in welding together an impressive unit that makes up for its lack of individual virtuosity with its team spirit and workmanlike endeavour.

Admittedly Brown's men, in true Scottish fashion, made life difficult for themselves in San Marino, where they laboured to a 2-0 victory.

But the real test came four days later in Zagreb, where a rare international goal from Newcastle's Kevin Gallacher secured the Scots an unexpected draw.

It was the nature of the performance in Croatia, however, as opposed to the result, that was most pleasing for Brown, who watched his makeshift team match the talented Croatians in every aspect of play.

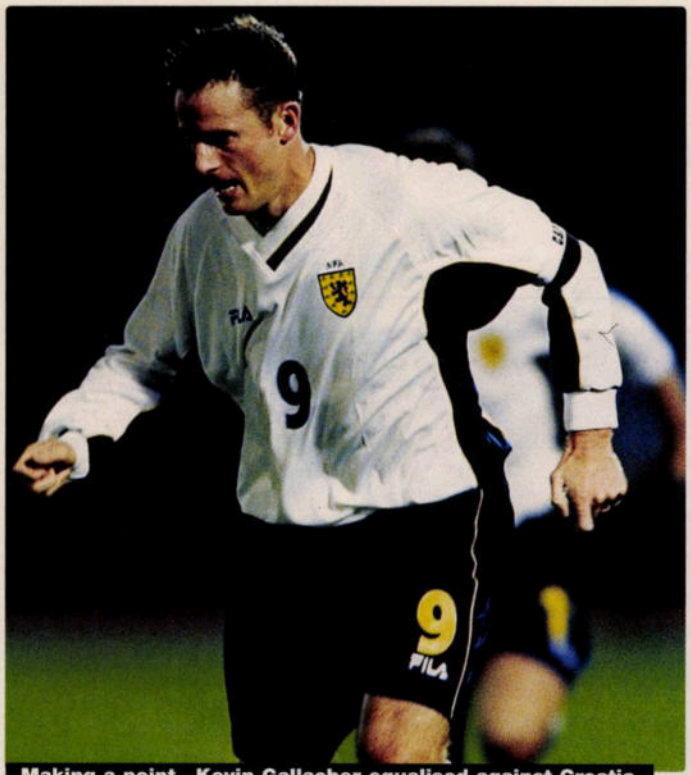
At home, Celtic have continued to look impressive, and after 13 games had a three-point lead over second-placed Hibernian.

Manager Martin O'Neill has demonstrated his resolve by leaving club record signing Eyal Berkovic out of the side, stipulating that he will pick the players he regards as most capable of doing the job required. O'Neill has also shown an ability to attract top players to the club, acquiring Scotland squad goalkeeper Robert Douglas from Dundee, despite a counter bid from Rangers.

Dick Advocaat, manager of the Ibrox side, launched an unprecedented public verbal attack on his players, describing them as 'bigheads' and 'posers', having seen them fall to successive League defeats by Hibernian and St Johnstone.

The results left Rangers 12 points adrift of Celtic, and the manager's words failed to produce an upturn in the club's fortunes as his side then went down 2-0 away to Sturm Graz in the Champions League. The Gers proceeded to lose yet again in the League, 3-0 at home to Kilmarnock.

It is a happier story over at Hibs. The Edinburgh side, under Alex McLeish (see profile, right), have



Making a point...Kevin Gallacher equalised against Croatia

begun the season in commanding style, typified by their runaway 6-2 home victory over city rivals Hearts.

Alan Fairley

WALES

Rees out at Port in a storm

DAVID REES became the second managerial casualty of the season when he resigned from his post at newly-promoted Port Talbot Athletic.

His decision came after his side went down 6-1 at home to Rhyl, who had only that week appointed Lee Williams as player-manager. Goalkeeper Williams joined after winning last season's championship playing between the posts for Total Network Solutions.

Port Talbot duly appointed former Manchester City professional Simon Dyer, also as player-manager.

Cwmbran Town boss Tony Wilcox took the September Manager of the Month award after his side raced to a six-point lead. Ironically the team lost at home for the first time on the day he received the award.

Recent international performances have boosted morale in the squad. Wales were unlucky to be held to a 1-1 draw at home to Norway, while a sound defensive display in Poland saw them come away with a valuable point after a scoreless game.

Mel Thomas

N. IRELAND

Two qualifiers bring only a point

THERE was disappointment for Northern Ireland in the most recent World Cup qualifiers after they took only a single point from their games against Denmark and Iceland.

The national side earned a creditable 1-1 draw in the home tie against the Danes, David Healy scoring his fifth goal in just six internationals with a 25-yard drive.

Equally deserving of praise was Hull City goalkeeper Roy Carroll, who made a series of excellent saves.

Four days later Carroll gave another sterling performance in Reykjavik, only to make a bad mistake in the final minutes to gift the only goal of the game to the home side.

Linfield continued to lead the pack with almost a third of the League programme gone, though the Blues have benefited from a controversial decision by the League to award them three points following the opening day draw against Glenavon.

Glenavon's Gerard McMahon was deemed to have played while ineligible as he had not received clearance in time. However, Glenavon claimed to have been given 'confirmation' by the League that McMahon could play.

Roy Kitson

Pro-file Alex McLeish

Hibs boss aiming to break the Old Firm stranglehold

THE JOY of success is not an emotion to which modern-day Hibernian supporters can easily relate. The Edinburgh club's triumph in the 1991 Scottish League Cup Final constituted their only major achievement since the same trophy came to Easter Road almost 30 years previously. Since then Hibs have suffered the ignominy of relegation from the Premier Division

However, the arrival as manager of one-time Aberdeen playing legend Alex McLeish has led to a significant upturn in the team's fortunes, and the blistering start they have made to the current League campaign has prompted fans to start looking tentatively at the possibility of a long-awaited challenge for the domestic title.

McLeish, who signed for Aberdeen aged 18 from Glasgow United, became the epitome of the one-club man, spending 15 years at Pittodrie and clocking up over 400 League appearances.

His time at the Dons coincided with the most successful period in the club's history, when, under the guidance of Alex Ferguson, they became the first in modern times to offer a sustained challenge to the traditional dominance in Scotland of Rangers and Celtic. Aberdeen won a series of domestic honours, as well as the 1983 Cup-winners Cup, beating Real Madrid in the Final in Gothenburg.

McLeish, in partnership with Willie Miller and goalkeeper Jim Leighton, gave the defence an impenetrable aura, and the leadership qualities he displayed then provided the perfect foundation for his entry into managership.

An unspectacular spell in charge of Motherwell led to a switch, towards the end of the 1997-98 season, to a Hibs team who were on the brink of relegation. But although McLeish was unable to prevent the club's demotion, a brief spell in the First Division gave him sufficient breathing space to introduce changes.

After leading Hibernian to a runaway victory in the First Division championship the following season, the manager proceeded to strengthen his squad, buying key players such as former French international Franck Sauzee and Finnish striker Mixu Paatelainen.

Now, after a season of consolidation back in the top flight, the form of McLeish's men at the beginning of this term has opened the possibility of the Old Firm duopoly being challenged once more, just as the boss did while with Aberdeen.

McLeish has made no secret of the influence that his former mentor, Alex Ferguson, has had on his managerial career. It was Ferguson who signed McLeish for Aberdeen and has always been on hand to offer advice during his transformation from player to manager.

Some observers have even suggested that, when Sir Alex finally steps down at Manchester United, McLeish would be a strong candidate to take the reins.

Alan Fairley

Van Gaal on the rack

Defeat at home to Portugal has put the new national coach under pressure, writes Klaas-Jan Droppert

HOLLAND

AFTER three matches in charge, national coach Louis Van Gaal is already in trouble. A draw and a defeat in home matches against their biggest rivals in World Cup qualifying Group 2 means that Holland are a long way from being assured of a finals berth, let alone winning the trophy in 2002, the goal Van Gaal set at his first press conference.

After the narrow escape against Ireland in September, when two late goals were needed to rescue a point, the national team struggled again in their next tie, away to Cyprus. Holland did not score until the 70th minute, and though they went on to win 4-0, their performance was not impressive.

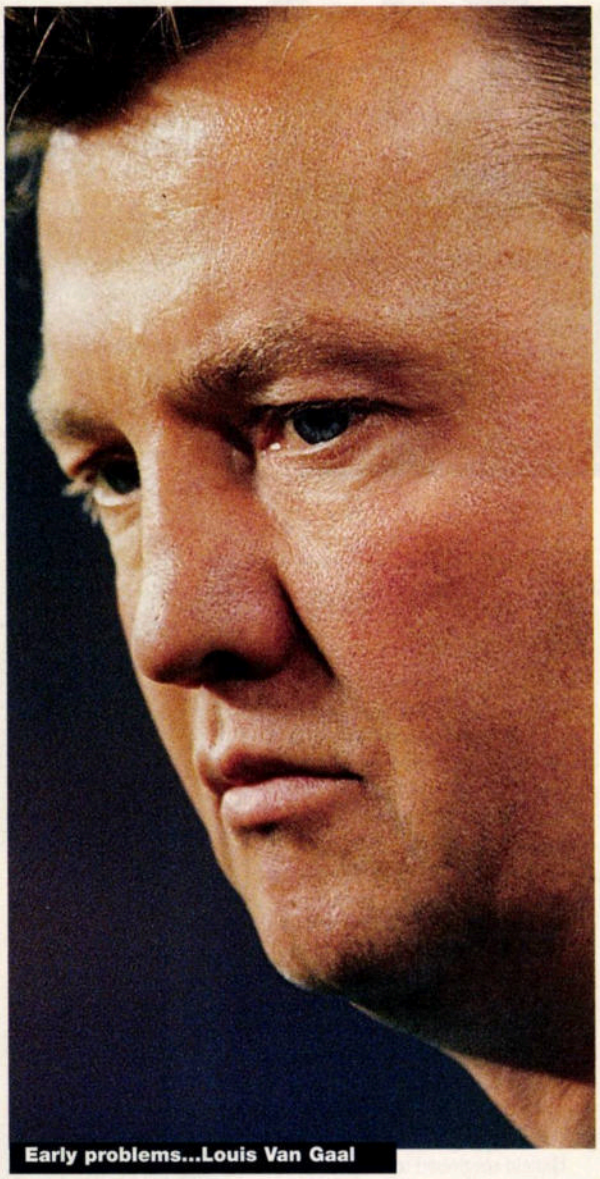
Four days later, a side weakened by injury lost 2-0 to deserving winners Portugal in Rotterdam, with both goals coming from defensive blunders.

Naturally, the result brought criticism for Van Gaal, who reacted angrily. He defended his tactics and even claimed that Portugal had hardly created any chances, while his team had had several opportunities to score. His comments surprised everyone, however, because Van Gaal must have been the only man in the stadium who saw the Dutch chances.

In the League, Ajax earned a draw away at PSV, with Nikos Machlas opening the scoring after a bad back pass by Arnold Bruggink. Bruggink made up for his mistake when he equalised with a penalty 10 minutes from time.

Newly-promoted RBC Roosendaal have added experience to their squad by signing former Celtic winger Regi Blinker. Blinker had refused to renew his contract with the Glasgow club, hoping that other clubs would be interested in him. But after months of waiting he had to be content with the offer from RBC.

RBC also signed John Veldman (Vitesse) and Maarten Schops, who was out of favour at RKC after kicking an opponent. However, the club have lost Pieter Huistra. The one-time Rangers' attacker has been forced to retire because of a chronic Achilles tendon injury.



Early problems...Louis Van Gaal

SWITZERLAND

Four off as arch-rivals clash

THERE is never a dull moment when arch-rivals Grasshopper and Basle meet on the pitch. In an exciting clash at the Zurich side's Hardturm stadium, four players were sent off and a further four shown yellow cards.

Basle's South African striker George Koumantarakis was the first to go when he floored Boris Smiljanic in retaliation for a punch. Smiljanic was also shown red as he was being carried off on a stretcher.

Grasshopper were later reduced to eight men after defenders Roland Schwegler and Bernt Haas were dismissed for committing 'emergency' fouls as Basle stepped up the pressure.

Grasshopper went on to lose 2-1, but coach Hanspeter Zaugg expressed his satisfaction at the team's performance and fighting spirit, saying it was the best match since he arrived two months ago.

Koumantarakis was subsequently banned for four matches by the FA and fined £10,000 by Basle.

Long-time League leaders Lugano looked set for defeat at home to Lausanne, but rescued a point at the death. The result left them four points clear of champions St Gallen after 15 rounds.

A prominent departee from the Swiss scene was Grasshopper striker Efan Ekoku, who scored 16 goals in 21 games last season. The popular Nigerian has failed to regain his first-team spot after injury, a situation compounded by the return of Stephane Chapuisat and the emergence of attacking midfielder Hakan Yakin as a striker.

Ekoku has now joined Sheffield Wednesday on loan.

National coach Enzo Trossero was relieved that his charges got over the shock of conceding the opening goal of their World Cup qualifier at home to the Faroe Islands to run out 5-1 winners.

The game was notable for Kubilay Turkyilmaz's hat-trick of penalties, and he got another two goals in the subsequent 2-2 draw away to Slovenia. This brought his overall international tally to 32, equalling the long-standing record of Xam Abegglen.

Ivar von Rulach

PORTUGAL

Sporting in decline

AFTER all the great expectations, heightened by a summer spending spree, Sporting Lisbon's Champions League ambitions were ended by the home defeat to Moscow Spartak.

The result, which followed on from losses away to Bayer Leverkusen and in the first tie against Spartak, left Sporting rooted to the foot of Group A. A subsequent 4-0 drubbing by Real Madrid put even UEFA Cup qualification out of their reach.

Putting a brave face against the events, those connected with the club say they will now concentrate on defending the Portuguese title. But even on this front things are not moving in the right direction. A 1-0 home defeat by League leaders FC Porto left Sporting five points off the top after eight games.

Many fans are questioning the sense behind the purchases of the likes of Dimas and Joao Pinto, while their favourite players, Sa Pinto, now returned from Spain, and Alberto Acosta, the Argentinian whose goals helped secure last season's title, have been out of form.

It is a different story at Porto, who look confident again after a hesitant and disorganised start to the season

following the departure of top scoring Brazilian Mario Jardel for Turkey.

Chairman Pinto da Costa has stood by coach Fernando Santos, whose purchase of new Brazilian star Pena, from Palmeiras, has gone a long way towards reviving Porto's fortunes.

Alberto da Silva

BELGIUM

Aime at odds over Alin

ALIN STOICA found himself the unwitting centre of controversy in the build-up to Anderlecht's rousing home triumphs against Kyiv Dynamo and Manchester United in the Champions League.

When the slim 20-year-old Romanian midfielder was sent on by coach Aime Anthuenis in the 2-1 League victory over Gent, only to be substituted 20 minutes later to a storm of booing, Anthuenis could hardly have expected the barrage of criticism that came his way for daring to subject the player to such embarrassment.

"It was nothing personal," insisted Anthuenis. "I have nothing against Alin. I just want to make him a better player than he is. He probably possesses more talent than anyone else in the team, but he flashes in and out of games. He has got to learn to be more consistent."

The coach was even taken to task by Stoica's father, Tudorel, the former Romanian international, but matters were resolved after a meeting.

As though to emphasise who was boss, Anthuenis then took Stoica off near the end of both ties against Dynamo and Manchester United, but the player departed to loud applause following his significant contributions to Anderlecht's impressive victories.

Domestically, Anderlecht found themselves in danger of surrendering their all-time record for the best start to a Belgian season when Club Brugge beat Westerlo 2-0 away to rack up an 11th successive victory and complete their best-ever beginning to a campaign.

Anderlecht's sequence of 13 wins at the start of the 1964-65 season came in the days when Belgian players were part-timers.

Gert Verheyen scored his first competitive goal under coach Robert Waseige in the 4-0 World Cup qualifying win away to Latvia.

The career-threatening injury of Luc Nilis has afforded more chances for the likes of Lierse striker Jurgen Cavens, whose goal against Latvia was his first for his country.

Nicholas Harling

Time's up...Alin Stoica

REP IRELAND

Mick's men march on

AT THE start of the World Cup qualifying campaign, even the most optimistic supporters could not have predicted that the Republic would have five points in the bag by Christmas. But that is the case following away draws against Holland and Portugal, and a home win over Estonia, and coach Mick McCarthy can now enjoy the break until March.

Substitute Matt Holland was the hero in Lisbon. On a night when the Irish were under severe pressure, his strike, which cancelled out Sergio Conceicao's 57th-minute goal, earned the visitors what could yet prove to be a very valuable point.

Mark Kinsella and Richard Dunne were the scorers in the comfortable 2-0 victory over Estonia four days later.

On the domestic scene, Bohemians are the team grabbing all the headlines. After away wins in Europe against Aberdeen and Kaiserslautern, the Gypsies now look like they could win the League for the first time since 1978. Former Wolverhampton Wanderers man Glen Crowe has been in great scoring form and became the first player in the 110-year history of the club to score hat-tricks in consecutive League games.

There is less happy news elsewhere, with Derry City and Finn Harps in some financial difficulty.

Sean Creedon

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Brann show fibre to finish second

Sigurd Odegaard on the final chapters in the domestic season

NORWAY

THE race for second place in the table, behind champions Rosenborg, proved to be a close run thing, as three teams fought it out for the right to enter the qualifying stages of next year's Champions League.

Viking were second going into the final round of games and only had to beat Stabaek away to clinch the runners-up spot – presuming that Brann did not beat Molde at home by a wide margin. Stabaek themselves were in with a chance, but had to beat Viking and rely on Brann losing.

As it turned out everything went Brann's way: Viking could only draw 1-1 at Stabaek, while the Bergen club beat Molde 4-0.

League top scorer Thorstein Helstad hit two of Brann's goals to finish on 16 for the season.

Viking ended up in third place, two points behind Brann. Molde, who finished only seventh, have released coach Erik Bragstad from his contract.

Odd Grenland won the Cup for the first time since 1931 with a 2-1 victory over Viking after extra time. Bjorn Dahl put Viking ahead seconds before half-time, but Odd forced extra time when Morten Fevang's shot was deflected in by a Viking defender. Substitute Christian Flindt Bjerg scored the winner in the second period of extra time.

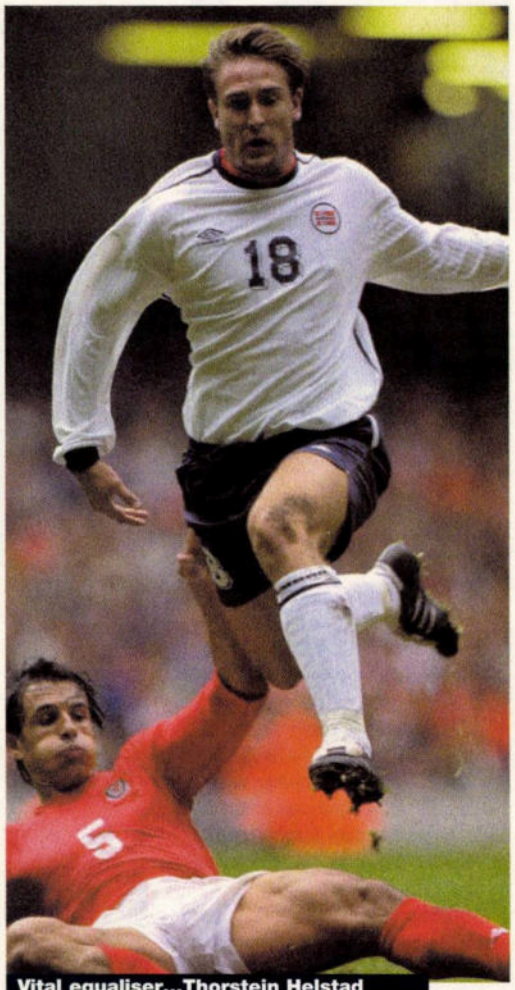
The national team have had a disastrous start to their World Cup campaign. After the 0-0 draw at home to Armenia in September, Thorstein Helstad's brave equaliser away to Wales, his second goal in two international appearances as a substitute, brought another point.

But the home match against Ukraine some days later dealt a terrible blow to the team. Despite being in command for most of the match and creating a lot of scoring opportunities, the Norwegians failed to turn superiority into goals and lost out to an Andrii Shevchenko strike.

After the defeat coach Nils Johan Semb announced that he was willing to resign, but decided to stay on after receiving massive support from the FA, players and club coaches.

Rosenborg failed to fulfil the promise shown in the opening matches of the Champions League. Helsingborgs gained sweet revenge for their 6-1 defeat in Trondheim by beating the Norwegians 2-0 in Sweden. Then Rosenborg were thrashed 7-2 away to Paris Saint-Germain.

The latter result meant that Rosenborg could not qualify for the second phase of the Champions League.



Vital equaliser...Thorstein Helstad

ICELAND

Atli's boys rally under pressure

WITH the domestic game now back in hibernation for another eight months, attention inevitably turned to the national side and their prospects of recovering from the disappointing home defeat against Denmark in their first World Cup qualifier. However, a 4-0 thrashing by the Czech Republic in Teplice did little to dispel the gloom.

The result even had some sections of the media calling for the head of coach Atli Edvaldsson, though this was an over-the-top reaction that smacked of sensationalism, rather than offering any serious analysis of how things could be improved.

However, it took only four days for the under-fire coach and his players to answer their critics in the best way possible, with a disciplined but spirited performance against Northern Ireland in Reykjavik. Although Thordur Gudjonsson scored the only goal of the game deep in second-half injury time, following a dreadful mistake by young keeper Roy Carroll, the win was thoroughly deserved.

And with the other results in Group 3 proving favourable, Iceland remain well in contention, only two points behind second-placed Denmark.

Rab Christie

FINLAND

Haka make history

FC HAKA have made history by becoming the first side to win three consecutive Finnish League championships.

The Valkeakoski-based side secured the trophy this time round by beating relegated KTP Kotka 4-0 at home, while their closest challengers, Jokerit, could only draw, 0-0 away to VPS Vaasa.

Haka's feat is a great achievement for 42-year-old coach Keith Armstrong, who has led the team to all three championships.

"People keep asking what the secret is behind our good late autumn form," says Armstrong. "There is no secret really, but perhaps we work and train harder than others during the season."

Finland's goalless draw at home to England in the World Cup qualifiers was a good boost for the morale after the poor 1-0 defeat in Greece four days earlier. Although there were some controversial decisions, Finland matched England, especially during the second half, with Jari Litmanen running the show.

In spite of some inspiring performances for his country, however, Litmanen still cannot get a game at Barcelona. He remains as diplomatic as ever, saying: "I have nothing against anybody. I have two years of my current contract to go, and as I don't have a contract with any other club, I continue at FC Barcelona."

Clear enough?

Pentti Hietanen

DENMARK

Coaches take centre-stage

THE FUTURE of managers dominated the agenda as the Superliga headed towards the winter shutdown.

Roy Hodgson's position at FC Copenhagen was thrown into doubt after just a few months in the job following rampant speculation that he was being lined up to replace Kevin Keegan as England coach. But while Hodgson did make it on to the Football Association's shortlist, he was pipped at the post by Sven Goran Eriksson.

John 'Faxe' Jensen's role at champions Herfolge also came under scrutiny after he aired his frustration that key players from the title-winning team were being sold.

Jensen has had offers from a

number of foreign clubs, and with Herfolge struggling in the relegation zone this year he may feel his future will be better served elsewhere.

What a contrast to Ove Pedersen, the unsung boss at FC Midtjylland, who have surprised everyone with a wonderful start to life in the Superliga. The club, a fusion between Ikast and Herning, have been inspired by top scorer Mogens Laursen, who scored both goals in a vital 2-2 draw against Hodgson's in-form FC Copenhagen to leave both clubs just behind Brondby at the top of the table.

The other promoted club, Haderslev, already look doomed, having taken just three points from their first 13 matches.

On the international scene, new coach Morten Olsen has enjoyed a four-match unbeaten start, but successive draws in World Cup qualifiers, against Northern Ireland and Bulgaria, have already put a questionmark against their chances of winning the group.

Jesper Gronkjaer's £7.85million move to Chelsea from Ajax is a record for a Danish player. Another notable move was that of OB Odense goalkeeper Jesper Christiansen to Rangers. He is now challenging Thomas Sorensen for the understudy role to Peter Schmeichel in Denmark's national side.

Jim Holden

SWEDEN

Critics lay into Tommy and Lars

SWEDEN'S start to the World Cup qualifiers has been far from convincing, and the country's tabloid papers are already pressing the joint national team coaches Tommy Soderberg and Lars Lagerback to resign.

Following the most recent games – a 1-1 draw at home to Turkey and a 0-0 draw in Slovakia – local fans are losing their patience with Sweden's cautious, goal-shy style. The team have not managed to score more than one goal in any of their past 14 matches, and during the reign of Soderberg-Lagerback, they have netted only 28 times in 33 games – easily the lowest rate during the past 40 years.

The goalless draw in Slovakia was called a "massive disappointment" by Swedish FA president Lars-Ake Lagrell, who added: "At the moment it is impossible to say whether these results have been due to poor leadership by Lars and Tommy. There are so many factors involved."

Lagerback later hit back, saying: "People who criticise us should first look at the quality of our players and then compare it with that of our rivals."

Many Sweden fans are now calling for veteran striker Kennet Andersson to be replaced and for Elfsborg youngster Anders Svensson to be given a more prominent role.

Meanwhile, Arsenal's Freddie Ljungberg came in for criticism for a perceived lack of team play.

The match in Slovakia ended the international career of Roland Nilsson, who won 116 caps in all. Nilsson, 37, will continue in some capacity at his club, Helsingborgs.

Halmstads sealed the domestic championship with a game to spare by beating Elfsborg 2-0 away. This put them eight points clear of second-placed AIK Stockholm, who were held 2-2 away to Hacken. AIK had kept their faint title hopes alive by beating Halmstads 1-0 at home in the previous round, but Halmstads needed just a point from their final two games to secure top spot.

It is the club's second League title under coach Tom Prahl, the first coming in 1997.

Pentti Hietanen

Retirement...Roland Nilsson

Pro-file Dennis Rommedahl

Danish dynamo fighting for his international future

DENNIS ROMMEDAHL is an angry young man at PSV Eindhoven, unhappy to accept for much longer being marginalised on the substitute's bench just as he has become a first-choice international under Denmark's new coach, Morten Olsen.

The 22-year-old attacking midfielder has made an impressive start with the national team and has played in all four of the games under the former Ajax and Koln boss.

Rommedahl's speed can be electric, and a series of fine displays on the right side of midfield has given the Denmark team some much-needed vitality.

Olsen has been delighted with the progress of the youngster, who left Lyngby as a teenager after just a few games in the Danish Superliga to join PSV.

Rommedahl had been enticed there by Eindhoven's then general manager, Frank Arnesen, the former Danish international, who had moved to Holland as a teenager himself in the late 1970s.

Until the start of this season it had been a case of so far, so good at PSV, where Rommedahl had gradually learned his trade and been given plenty of first-team opportunities.

Although he missed out on playing at Euro 2000, it seemed inevitable that promotion to the Danish national side would follow quickly, and sure enough, it did, because of Olsen's desire to utilise youth and the absence through injury of Martin Jorgensen.

It is that latter issue which disturbs Rommedahl, because when Denmark's three attacking wide men – himself, Jesper Gronkjaer and Jorgensen – are all fit, then one will have to lose out.

"I want to be playing in the first team with my club," said Rommedahl. "Of course in football you must learn to be patient sometimes, but I feel it is important at this stage in my career to be active, especially in competitions like the Champions League.

"It has been very exciting to start playing for my country, and I don't want to lose that chance. For Denmark, it is a time of transition. We wanted to do better than a 1-1 draw against Bulgaria at home in our last World Cup match, but there is a good feeling developing under the new coach."

Indeed, Denmark should have beaten the Bulgarians, and might well have done so if they had been awarded a penalty when Rommedahl was blatantly fouled in the box.

That was another harsh lesson in the reality of football at the highest level, but Dennis the menace appears to have a bright future ahead of him.

Jim Holden

Fact file

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Country Denmark
Born July 22, 1978, in Copenhagen
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International debut August 2000, v Faroe Islands
International caps 4 (1 goal)
Honours Dutch League 2000

Isolated Blazevic steps down

Zdravko Reic on the end of the controversial national coach's reign

CROATIA

NATIONAL team coach Miroslav Blazevic has resigned following criticism of his side's performances on the field and after becoming embroiled in a row with Croatia's new state president, Stjepan Mesic.

An anti-Blazevic media campaign was already under way before the World Cup qualifier against Scotland in Zagreb in October, and it intensified after Croatia could manage only a 1-1 draw.

Support for the coach had been in decline among fans and members of the FA, and the Scotland result appeared to leave him isolated.

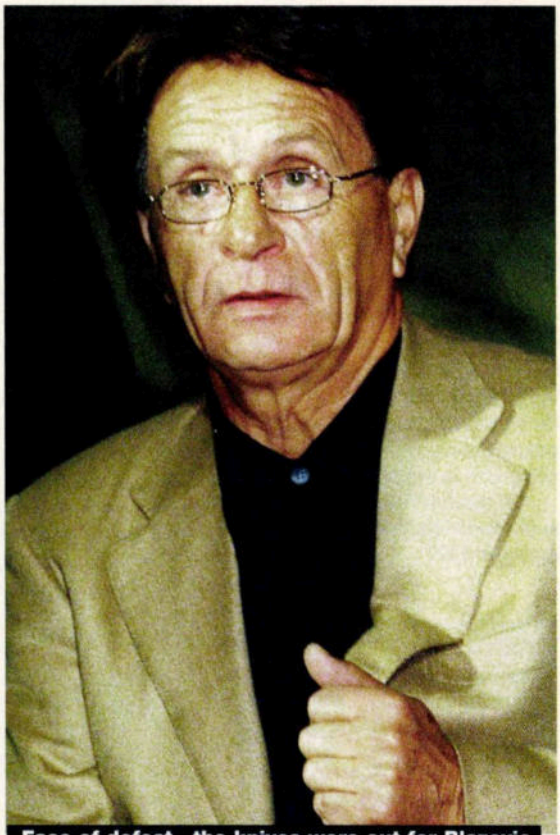
Bad blood had arisen between Blazevic and Mesic after the coach encouraged his players to sign a petition supporting army generals who were in command during the Balkan conflict but had subsequently been sacked by the new president.

Mesic came into power following the death last December of Franjo Tudjman, whose political party, the HDZ, numbered Blazevic among its supporters.

The fall-out from the Tudjman era is also affecting domestic clubs, many of whom managed to avoid paying taxes under the old regime.

The government is now demanding payment of all outstanding dues, and has put the initial focus on the country's four biggest clubs – Dinamo, Hajduk, Rijeka and Osijek – who are being chased for £40million between them.

Repayment of such a sum is beyond the clubs and unless the state offers to prolong the payment period they face either bankruptcy or loss of First Division status.



Face of defeat...the knives were out for Blazevic

GREECE

Games suspended in protest at bill

THE Greek soccer federation (EPO) postponed all the country's professional matches for two weeks, apparently in protest at the parliamentary bill promoted by Sports Under-Secretary George Floridis, which would prohibit people convicted of or suspected of committing crimes from holding senior office in sports administration.

The bill was seen by EPO as a personal vendetta between Floridis and EPO vice-president Victor Mitropoulos, who faces possible exclusion from office because of embezzlement allegations made against him dating back to 1993 when he was president of the Aegaleo club.

However, EPO president Costas Alexandridis denied that the postponement of games was connected to the new bill, attributing the action to what he described as the state's lack of support of football and its future.

Lou Economopoulos

● FOUR points from World Cup qualifiers against Azerbaijan (a 3-0 home win) and Moldova (0-0 away) were still not enough to satisfy the **MACEDONIAN** public, writes *Michel Stojmanovski*. Many fans were angered by the perceived weakness of the national team's performances.

Six straight wins for Sloga Jugomagnat put them top of the domestic championship on 19 points, one ahead of Vardar and Sileks, after eight rounds.

● AFTER just five rounds of the season in **CYPRUS**, four First Division coaches have been fired, *writes Soulis Theodosiou*.

Swede Guder Bengtsson did not even last until the campaign kicked off, having been sacked by Apollon after some poor pre-season performances. His replacement is Andreas Mouskallis.

APOEL fired Yugoslav Toza Saburic after he had blamed the board for the team's disappointing showing; the next day, Giorgos Paraskevas was dumped by Aris, who had lost their first four League encounters.

Omonia's Bulgarian boss, Asparouch Nikodimov, was already under pressure after defeat by Olympiakos in the Nicosia derby, and a 1-1 home draw with lowly Paralimni in the following game sealed his fate.

TURKEY

Hakan goal keeps Turks on course

HAKAN SUKUR'S 29th international goal was enough for Turkey to edge out a determined Azerbaijan in their World Cup qualifier in Baku and put them top of Group 4 on goal difference after three games.

Four days earlier, Turkey came away from Gothenburg with a well-deserved 1-1 draw against Sweden, substitute Tayfur Havutcu's penalty deep in injury time cancelling out Henrik Larsson's header.

The result was all the more impressive because coach Senol Gunes was unable to field injured first-choices Umit Davala, Okan Buruk and Emre Belezoglu, plus the suspended Alpay Ozalan. While main striker Hakan started the game, he was still feeling the effects of food poisoning, which had confined him to hospital shortly before departure for Sweden.

Galatasaray's Romanian coach, Mircea Lucescu, has denied reports of being sworn at by compatriot Gheorghe Hagi after substituting him in the Champions League clash away to Rangers. Lucescu said: "This is a conspiracy. People want to provoke a fight between us." The game ended in a 0-0 draw, leaving Gala top of Group D after four matches.

Besiktas' home tie against Leeds also ended scoreless, leaving them with ground to make up in Group H. However, the Black Eagles got the better of Gala in the League, winning the Istanbul derby 3-1. That allowed Trabzonspor, who drew 1-1 at Yozgatspor, to become new leaders with 20 points.

Hasan Cemali

On target again...Hakan Sukur

YUGOSLAVIA

FA under attack

TWICE in the space of a few days, the Yugoslav FA headquarters suffered incursions by uninvited parties which were seemingly inspired by the dramatic events on the streets of Belgrade following the presidential election.

The first incident involved representatives of the so-called Association for the Protection and Prosperity of Yugoslav Football. The group's leader, Velibor Vasovic, a former Partizan, Red Star and Ajax player and well-known opponent of the FA, arrived at its offices with several assistants and a dozen bodyguards – but stormed out after a two-hour meeting with general secretary Branko Bulatovic.

Two days later more than 20 gate-crashers turned up, introduced themselves as members of DOS (Democratic Opposition of Serbia), and claimed they were now in charge of the FA.

It soon became clear, however, that the intruders had nothing to do with DOS, and with the assistance of the police they were asked to leave.

The chaos continued at the derby between Red Star and Partizan, when a pitch invasion, fights between hooligans, and assaults on players and officials caused the match to be abandoned after only five minutes.

Vladimir Novak

BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA

Five banned after World Cup defeat

THE national team's 3-1 World Cup qualifying defeat in Israel was followed by a statement from general manager Ahmed Pasalic announcing that he was suspending five players for their part in events leading up to the tie.

Captain Elvir Bolic reportedly punched team-mate Sergej Barbarez during the final training session, while the other four – Hasan Salihamidzic, Elvir Baljic, Mirza Varesanovic and Emir Granov – attended a party in Sarajevo until the early hours three days before the game.

Fears that matches in the joint Muslim-Croat championship would be played in bad spirit have generally proved unfounded.

There was crowd trouble, however, at the derby between Zeljeznicar and Sarajevo. The former ran out 1-0 winners, which led to Sarajevo fans showering the field with rocks, one of which hit Zeljeznicar defender Bulent Biscevic on the head.

Guilty party...Elvir Baljic

After 14 rounds Zeljeznicar led second-placed Brotnjo by five points. Banja Luka clubs BSK and Borac led the Serbian championship.

Zdravko Reic

SLOVENIA

Olimpija flex muscles

OLIMPIJA, growing in strength, opened up a five-point lead over Rudar Velenje after 13 League rounds. The Ljubljana club have been boosted by the arrival of teenage Bosnian star Alen Skoro, on loan from Venezia.

On the coaching front, Olimpija boss Bojan Prasnikar is now one of only four from the 12 top-flight clubs to have kept his job since the season began.

Zdravko Reic

MALTA

Ilic gets the point

A GOALLESS home World Cup draw with the Czech Republic brought Malta their first point in a qualifying tournament for five years.

Coach Josif Ilic, who had vowed to quit if his team were beaten by the Group 3 favourites, was full of praise for goalkeeper Mario Muscat. Ilic had introduced him after axing Ernest Barry, whose blunders in Sofia four days earlier helped Bulgaria to a 3-0 victory.

Valletta topped the League by three points from Birkirkara halfway into the season. Sliema were top scorers, boosted by an 11-0 thrashing of promoted Xghajra Tornadoes – the biggest win in a top flight game at Ta' Qali national stadium.

Domenico Aquilina

Pro-file Igor Biscan

Classy Croat set to make his mark on Merseyside

FOR A long time Croatian international Igor Biscan resisted a move away from his homeland. But it was not from lack of ambition – he was just waiting for the ideal offer.

"Money is not my primary objective," he repeatedly declared. "I want to join the club which is right for me."

Earlier this season, that club seemed to be Barcelona. The Catalans bid £5.5million for the 22-year-old and his club, Dinamo Zagreb, were ready to accept. But Liverpool had also been tracking him and ultimately their £7m spoke louder. From December, the start of the winter break in Croatia, Biscan will be a Liverpool player.

"We're delighted to have him, especially since many other top European clubs were interested," said Liverpool manager Gerard Houllier. "He's an international, a class player and someone we've been keeping an eye on for a long while. He's very versatile. He can play at the back, he came on as substitute in a World Cup qualifier against Scotland recently and did very well on the right of midfield. But I see him more as a defensive midfielder."

Biscan, described in some Croat quarters as the 'new Frank Rijkaard', had the dream move for which he had been holding out.

"While watching Euro 96 on TV, I fantasised about playing in England," he says. "The tournament was a great show and it seemed England was the home of football. My wish has come true and now all I want to do is to live up to the expectations of my new employers and please the Liverpool fans.

"I could have left Dinamo some time ago, but I didn't think I was ready to go abroad. The situation is different now. I've played a lot of matches in Europe and have a stronger faith in my ability."

Biscan's mother and brother, Hrvoje, will come with him to England to help him settle in, a prospect that prompts the player to say: "With family around me, I will definitely play better."

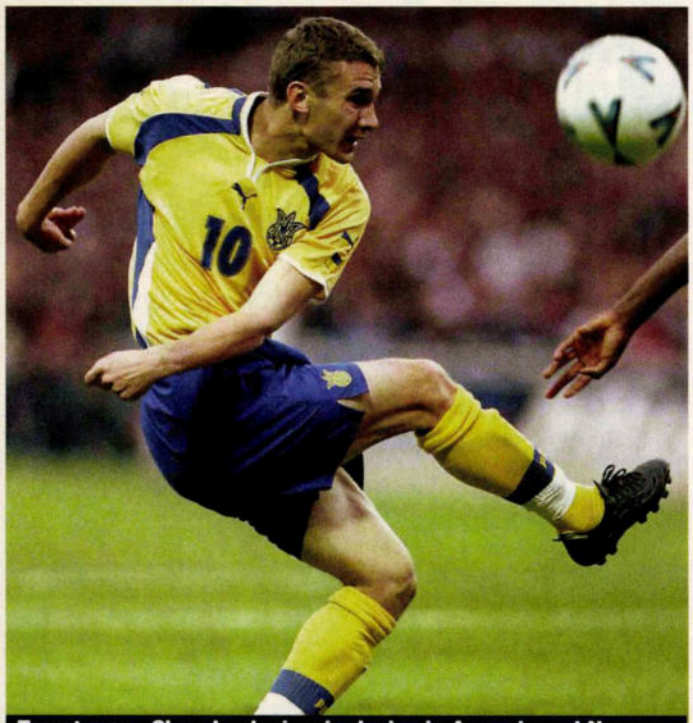
But Liverpool need have few worries concerning Biscan's ability to assimilate. He speaks good English, is already familiar with all the names in the Liverpool squad, and has listened to fellow Croats with experience of the Premiership. Ex-Everton defender Slaven Bilic has told him all about life on Merseyside and West Ham's Igor Stimac has been helpful as well.

Now for the two most important challenges of Biscan's career – establishing himself at Anfield and becoming an automatic starter for Croatia in time for the next World Cup.

Zdravko Reic

Fact file

Club Dinamo Zagreb (Liverpool, Eng, from December 15)
Country Croatia
Born May 4, 1978, in Zagreb
International debut April 1999, v Italy
International caps 11 (1 goal)
Honours Croat League 1998, 1999, 2000; Croat Cup 1998


Target man...Shevchenko inspired wins in Armenia and Norway

Shevchenko tops the chart

Leading marksman gets the national team back on track. Oleg Zadernovsky reports

UKRAINE

ANDRII SHEVCHENKO became the leading scorer in Ukrainian international football by taking his tally to 13 as the national team ended the year with two important World Cup qualifying victories, away to Armenia (3-2) and Norway (1-0). The results were a major boost to Ukraine's prospects of making the finals, having suffered a 3-1 home defeat by Poland in the opening qualifier in September.

Ukraine trailed 2-0 in Armenia before Shevchenko sparked a comeback with a goal from a free-kick, then scored the winning goal. He was on target again four days later with the goal against Norway.

Shevchenko's three strikes helped him overtake his former Kyiv Dynamo team-mate, Serhii Rebrov, in the international scoring chart.

Federation president Hryhorii Surkis singled out the Milan forward for special praise, as well as goalkeeper Olexander Shovkovskyi, defender Oleh Luzhnyi and midfielder Andrii Husin.

Head coach Valerii Lobanovskyi again failed to travel abroad with his team for health reasons.

After 13 rounds of the League campaign, Dnipro Dnipropetrovsk were four points clear, although Champions League commitments meant that Shakhtar Donetsk and Kyiv Dynamo, lying joint second, had three games in hand.

Oleg Salenko, a Dynamo star of the 1980s who was seriously injured several years ago, has signed a contract with Polish side Pogon Szczecin until the end of the season.

RUSSIA

Anzhi defy the odds

ACCORDING to the pre-season polls, top-flight newcomers Anzhi had little chance of survival and seemed doomed to be relegated.

Instead, the team from the Northern Caucasus took their place in the upper reaches of the table and were even challenging long-time leaders Moscow Spartak for top spot in mid-season.

What makes Anzhi's progress even more surprising is that the team's home base, Makhachkala, is in the Dagestan region, which borders Chechnya. The nearby conflict has forced the team to look outside the city for training facilities, and they have, in fact, spent most of their time in Moscow, renting accommodation and utilising the facilities of their top division rivals. When back in Makhachkala, the players live in a hotel and have to train in the city park.

Anzhi are coached by one of Russia's most thoughtful managers, Gadzi Gadziev, who has acted as an assistant coach at a number of the top clubs and with the national team.

With two rounds to play in the championship, Anzhi were lying fourth, 15 points behind leaders Spartak, who needed two more points to make sure of a fifth successive title.

Victor Gusev

POLAND

Ahead but not satisfied

THE national side may top their World Cup qualifying group, with seven points from three games, but there is nevertheless a feeling of disappointment that their position is not even better.

Poland's dream start to the campaign, their 3-1 win in Ukraine in September, rapidly raised fans' expectations of the side's capabilities. But though a hat-trick from Wisla Krakow midfielder Radoslaw Kaluzny secured victory in their next game, 3-1 at home to Belarus, they could only draw 0-0 against Wales in Warsaw four days later.

Admittedly, Jerzy Engel's side were without key players Marek Kozminski, Tomasz Iwan and Jacek Bak through injury, while forward Emmanuel Olisadebe appeared for only the final 15 minutes because of a problem with his ribs. But this could not fully explain the Poles' poor performance. In truth, they simply did not deserve to win.

There were hooligan problems before the Belarus game, with the police being forced to fire shots in the air to disperse a crowd gathering outside the Widzew stadium in Lodz.

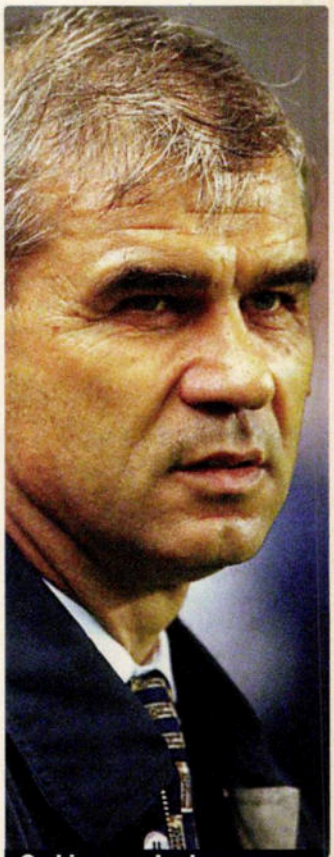
In the League, 1999 champions Wisla Krakow continued to top the table. A six-game winning streak helped to put them on 28 points from just 11 games, five clear of Pogon Szczecin.

Dariusz Kurowski

ROMANIA

Iordanescu departs sluggish Rapid

FORMER national team coach Anghel Iordanescu has resigned at struggling Rapid Bucharest after his side were held to a 1-1 draw at home by second-from-bottom Ceahlaul Piatra Neamt. The result left Rapid, who


On his way...Iordanescu

finished second in the championship last season, in ninth place in the 16-team League.

Former international Mircea Rednic has been appointed as successor to Iordanescu, who led Romania to the quarter-finals of the 1994 World Cup. Rednic will retain

his current position as deputy to national coach Ladislau Boloni.

Iordanescu's assistant, Nicolae Manea, also resigned, but within days had been appointed coach of League leaders Universitatea Craiova. His predecessor, Florin Marin, has now become the club's general manager.

Ceahlaul have been banned from European competition for five years after club officials allegedly offered prostitutes to the referee and his assistants before their home InterToto Cup tie against Austria Wien in July.

Ceahlaul president Gheorghe Stefan denied the accusations, saying that the women in question were members of a folk group.

Michael Bowesfield

AUSTRIA

FC Tirol turn it on

AFTER 16 rounds of the championship, Rapid Wien remained the leaders of the pack, but they have looked vulnerable of late. They lost 2-1 away to Linz ASK and 2-0 at Grazer AK, while they were less than convincing during their 2-1 home win over struggling Bregenz.

Such a shaky run raises genuine doubts about the side's title credentials.

There have been no mid-season stutters, though, for reigning champions FC Tirol, who found themselves in second place, a point adrift of Rapid.

The Tiroler went five consecutive games without conceding a goal, and if Polish marksman Radoslaw Gilewicz and midfielders Roland Kirchler and Michi Baur maintain their high standards, the Innsbruck club are going to take some stopping.

It has not been a good time for Vienna's top clubs. Like their counterparts at Rapid, Austria Wien have suddenly lost their way. Earlier in the season, the Violets were challenging for top spot, but a hat-trick of defeats, by Sturm Graz, FC Tirol and Salzburg, has resulted in a tail-spin.

Sturm, who have continued to save their best performances for Europe, were trailing in seventh place after a surprise 2-1 defeat at SV Ried.

Nick Bidwell

ROUND-UP

Berezovski bows out

THE **ARMENIAN** national team's best player, goalkeeper Roman Berezovski, has refused to play for the side again after being blamed by national coach Varuzhan Sukiasian for the 3-2 World Cup qualifying defeat at home to Ukraine in October. "I used the best tactics against the Ukrainians, but Berezovski was culpable for all three goals we conceded," said Sukiasian, whose side had led 2-0 after 44 minutes.

Vladimir Kalinkovich

BELARUS: Slavia Mozyr secured their second League title with games to spare after putting together a seven-match winning streak.

BULGARIA: Former champions Lovech fired their Romanian coach Mihai Stoichita and his compatriot goalkeeper, international Florin Prunea, in the wake of a 3-2 League defeat at lowly Cherno More. The result left Lovech in mid-table, 11 points behind leaders Levski Sofia after nine games. Stoichita's successor has been named as Ferario Spasov.

HUNGARY: The 12 teams qualifying for the country's new-look top division were decided with one game to spare in the interim mini-League campaign. The six from Group A are Dunaferr, Tatabanya, Ferencvaros, Matav, Gyor and Kispest-Honved, while MTK, Ujpest, Vasas, Debrecen, Videoton and Zalahus qualify from Group B. The bottom two from the eight-team pools – Group A's Haladas and Nyiregyhaza, and Group B's Pecs and Nagykanizsa – are consigned to the Second Division.

LITHUANIA: The federation fired national coach Stasys Stankus three days after his side lost 4-0 at home to Georgia in the World Cup qualifiers.

Michael Bowesfield

LATVIA: Skonto Riga won their 10th consecutive championship with two games to spare, having lost only one game all season. They were eight points clear of Ventspils, who in turn were assured of runners-up spot.

Janis Gilis, the former national team coach, has died suddenly at the age of 57. Gilis was in charge for 61 games between 1992 and 1997.

Valery Karpoushkin

Pro-file Dimitar Berbatov

Bayer-bound Bulgarian with goals in store

BULGARIA are looking to teenage CSKA Sofia striker Dimitar Berbatov to pull them out of the downward spiral that followed their fourth-place finish at USA 94.

Regression was always likely to be the name of the game when the passing years finally caught up with Bulgaria's golden generation of Hristo Stoichkov, Yordan Lechkov and Emil Kostadinov, and a new-look first-team was never in the hunt for a Euro 2000 berth.

But now with the likes of 19-year-old Berbatov, midfielders Stilian Petrov (Celtic) and Georgi Peev (Lokomotiv Sofia), and forward Svetoslav Todorov (Lovech) in the squad there is cause for optimism.

Berbatov certainly lived up to his burgeoning reputation in his country's World Cup qualifier in Denmark last month. Having come on as a substitute, the youngster got ahead of his marker seven minutes from time to skilfully volley a Krassimir Balakov cross past Peter Schmeichel and level the match at 1-1.

"He had just one chance and put it away," said relieved coach, Stoicho Mladenov. "He's inexperienced at this level, but he's already shown he has the talent and attitude to have a long and successful career in the national team. He's a natural goalscorer."

Berbatov's progress has been rapid. He stepped up to CSKA's senior squad only in January last year. But three expertly-taken goals in his first two League starts turned him into an overnight sensation in the country.

Since then the achievements have come thick and fast, despite the demands of military service – a first full cap against Greece in November 1999, a first international goal versus Chile three months later and a 14-goal haul for CSKA last season.

Last summer, a move to Italian club Lecce looked on the cards, only to fall through at the last minute. However, shortly after Berbatov produced a five-goal blitz in an 8-0 UEFA Cup qualifying round thumping of Constructorul from Moldova, CSKA announced they had agreed a £1.2million deal to sell him to Bayer Leverkusen.

Once he arrives in Germany in January, Berbatov faces stiff opposition for a first-team place from the likes of Ulf Kirsten and Oliver Neuville, but he remains undaunted. "Leverkusen have many great forwards and there's sure to be huge competition for places. But I won't be overawed and will work as hard as I can to be a success there," he says.

"I'm proud to have the chance to play for one of the best clubs in Germany. A lot of Bulgarians have gone to Germany and become better players. I hope to do the same."

Nick Bidwell

Fact file

Club CSKA Sofia
Country Bulgaria
Born January 30, 1981, in Sofia
International debut November 1999, v Greece
International caps 4 (2 goals)
Honours Bulgarian Cup 1999

Under investigation

BRAZIL

Brian Homewood on the two state inquiries set up to 'open the Black Box' of Brazilian football

THE Brazilian Congress has set up not one but two inquiries to try to dig up some of the dirt which it claims exists in the country's football.

The lower house, known as the Chamber, has dubbed its investigation the Nike Inquiry and intends to look into the relationship between the sportswear giant, which sponsors the national team, and the Brazilian Football Confederation (CBF).

Meanwhile, the upper house, the Senate, says it wants to delve into the shady world of club finances and, in particular, the lucrative business of selling Brazilian players to foreign clubs.

This investigation, dubbed simply the Football Inquiry, wants to discover whether club directors have been pocketing money from transfer fees and hiding money from the taxman. In the words of one senator: "We want to open the Black Box of Brazilian football."

Head down...Ronaldo after defeat by France

Ronaldo, Mario Zagallo and Roberto Carlos could be among those called to give evidence in the Nike Inquiry, according to Congressman Silvio Dias, who will be compiling the final report.

Dias says he wants to discover what really happened on the day of the 1998 World Cup Final, when Ronaldo played the full 90 minutes despite suffering a convulsive fit only hours before the match began. The official version is that the forward was passed fit after thorough medical examination, and, after begging and imploring, was included in the team by the then coach, Zagallo, even though the team had already been announced with Edmundo in his place.

Many people still do not accept this version and believe other forces may have been at work – though there is also the theory that the team were simply outwitted tactically by France and have been fishing for face-saving excuses.

In addition to sponsoring the Brazil team, to the tune of £25m a year, Nike has individual contracts with a number of Brazilian players, including Ronaldo.

CBF president Ricardo Teixeira, who has been in charge of Brazilian football for 10 years and also sits on FIFA's executive committee, insists that he is ready for the inquiry and that it is others who are trembling with fear, not him.

Over at the Senate, investigations will initially focus on former national team manager Wanderley Luxemburgo. The inquiry, which has the power to break an individual's right to financial secrecy, has already agreed that it will have a good long, hard look at Luxemburgo's bank accounts and his credit card spending. Its other targets include the Traffic company, which sells publicity and television rights.

Luxemburgo has been accused by his former business associate Renata Alves of taking commission on the transfer of players during his days as a club manager. But, like Teixeira, Luxemburgo says he has nothing to hide and that he will co-operate fully. He also points out that Alves has never proved any of her allegations.

All this comes at a very delicate time for Brazilian football. Remember that this year the CBF failed to organise the Brazilian championship. Responsibility has been handed to the clubs, who have made a pig's ear of the whole thing, creating the Joao Havelange Cup tournament, which involves 116 teams.

The national team have also run into trouble. The senior side have lost World Cup qualifiers to Chile and Paraguay this year, though Romario-inspired hammerings of Bolivia and Venezuela meant they were back in second place by the time the South American section reached the halfway mark. Meanwhile, the Olympic side lost in the quarter-finals in Sydney to nine-man Cameroon.

Will the Congress sort out the mess? There is little room for optimism. Brazilian Congressional inquiries tend to end in what the locals call 'Pizza', meaning that most of the dirt is swept under the carpet. The Congress itself enjoys a very poor reputation among Brazilians. It often takes years to pass the simplest of bills, often because there are not enough deputies to form a quorum, and its members are well known for giving themselves pay raises, working a three-day week and abandoning the place altogether whenever there is any sign of an upcoming election.

The two inquiries could even end up investigating each other. Ten of the 18 members of the Nike Inquiry are directly connected to football clubs, including the notorious Vasco director Eurico Miranda, who last year forced a match to be abandoned when he marched on to the field with club security men to threaten a referee.

Miranda, naturally, does not see any need to declare an interest, though most people think that having him on the committee is like asking the fox to guard the chicken run. The Senate committee, meanwhile, actually wants to question Miranda over his dealings as Vasco vice-president.

The inquiries may not end up putting anyone behind bars or even kicking people out of the game. But what they do promise is a lot of entertainment.

● Cruzeiro were leading the field after 19 rounds in the 'First Division' of the Joao Havelange Cup, *writes Eric Weil*. Vasco da Gama, with two games in hand, were a point behind in second, with Goias and Sao Paulo another point back.

All four are almost certain to finish among the top 12 of the 25-team Blue Group table, which comprises the country's best sides, who will go forward to the knockout stage of the tournament.

Corinthians, meanwhile, are almost certainly out of the running to make the cut. They stood third from bottom, though with a couple of games in hand, having largely dismantled the side who won the World Club Championship last January.

Flamengo's poor run in the competition resulted in former World Cup coach Mario Zagallo being signed up to replace Carlinhos. Another former World Cup coach, Carlos Alberto Parreira, was fired by Atletico Mineiro, who, like Flamengo, are struggling to make the top 12.

WORLD CUP QUALIFIERS

Goal glut...Romario

Recalled Romario scores four

ROMARIO, brought back to the Brazil attack because of public pressure, scored four goals in his side's 6-0 victory away to bottom-placed Venezuela in the most recent round of World Cup qualifiers.

The feat put the veteran striker top of the qualifying group scoring chart with seven goals from just two appearances and helped take Brazil up to second in the table at the halfway stage, five points behind Argentina.

Brazil's decisive win came under the leadership of Candinho, the interim replacement for Wanderley Luxemburgo, who was fired after the Olympic Games. Candinho, who also coaches Corinthians, was duly nominated to take charge of the national team for the next qualifier, against Colombia. But he declined when Antonio Lopes was named general co-ordinator, a position that gave him authority over the coach. It was then that former Brazil keeper Emerson Leao was handed the coaching reins.

Argentina beat Uruguay 2-1 at home, despite being badly depleted by injuries and suspension. The clash between these old rivals was, as usual, rough, with 75 fouls committed. Talented Argentinian midfielder Marcelo Gallardo, making a rare start, made a strong claim for a permanent place by giving an outstanding display and scoring his country's first goal.

Paraguay keeper Jose Luis Chilavert scored from a last-minute free-kick to seal his country's vital 2-0 victory away to Colombia. Roque Santa Cruz had put Paraguay ahead after only four minutes, and Colombia were hampered in their attempts to recover after defender Ivan Cordoba was sent off on the half-hour mark.

Paraguay's win left them third in the table, behind Brazil on goal difference.

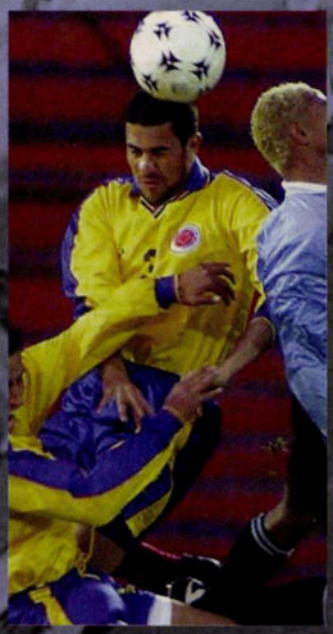
In a match between two countries with little chance of reaching the finals, a fourth-minute goal from Roger Suarez was enough to give hosts Bolivia victory over Peru. The Bolivian FA's serious financial difficulties have resulted in players' pay being reduced to £700 per match, while coach Carlos Aragones' salary has been reduced by almost half. Meanwhile, it was announced that only one player based abroad – captain Erwin Sanchez – would be called up for the next home match, against Uruguay.

Ecuador boosted their chances of qualifying by beating Chile 1-0 at home, Agustin Delgado netting his fourth goal of the campaign 14 minutes from full time.

Eric Weil

Pro-file Mario Yepes

Centre-back keeping it tight for Colombia



CAST-IRON defence is not the first thing that most people associate with Colombian football. But national team coach Luis Augusto Garcia is anxious for his men to throw off their image as the game's irresponsible romantics. And as South America's World Cup qualification campaign reached the halfway stage, Garcia could claim considerable success.

After nine games, Colombia had conceded just six goals, giving them the best defensive record in the competition.

"Some people might see it as a surprise, but I don't," says Mario Yepes, one of those responsible for Colombia's miserly back-line performances. "We have good players and a good coach who knows that a winning team needs a solid defence."

Yepes is one of a trio of quality centre-backs at Garcia's disposal. He began the campaign on the left, with Internazionale's pacey Ivan Cordoba in the middle and Boca Juniors captain Jorge Bermudez on the right. But the use of a back three was new to the Colombian national team, and they struggled to adjust. Argentina exposed their flaws in a 3-1 win in Bogota, and changes were called for.

Garcia switched to an orthodox back four, meaning that one of his centre-backs would have to miss out. The experienced Bermudez was sacrificed, Yepes retained his place and Colombia kept a clean sheet for the next four games.

"I think the results have shown that a back four probably suits our players better," says Yepes. "But now we've worked with it it's good to know that we have the option of playing with three centre-backs."

A quietly elegant figure, Yepes is a tall centre-back whose strength is on the ground. His reading of the game is excellent and his recovery swift. He might not stay on his feet as much as the coaching manual would advise, but splendid timing in the tackle means he is rarely exposed.

Yepes came to prominence in Deportivo Cali's run to last year's Libertadores Cup Final, and the pain of losing on penalties to Palmeiras was alleviated by a move to Argentina. River Plate had been drawn in the same group as Cali, and were so impressed by the defender's performances that they brought him to Buenos Aires.

Yepes soon became an idol, providing the defensive security while Saviola, Aimar and Angel grabbed the headlines with their goals.

"The adaptation came quickly," he says. "Things have gone well for me and I'm very happy to be playing for a club like River. Europe interests me, but it would have to be a big club in Italy or Spain."

Mario Yepes may have high expectations, but his performances have earned him the right to be demanding.

Tim Vickery

Fact file

Club River Plate (Arg)
Country Colombia
Born January 13, 1976
Previous clubs Cortulua, Deportivo Cali
International debut February 1999, v Germany
International caps 11
Honours Argentinian opening championship 1999; closing championship 2000

River falter, Boca take charge

Pass master...Boca's Juan Riquelme

ARGENTINA

RIVER PLATE, favourites to win the opening championship, slipped from first place to fourth after taking just three points from four games.

River were beaten by lowly Chacarita Juniors and could only draw with another struggling side, Argentinos Juniors. However, the 1-1 home draw with arch rivals Boca Juniors was the biggest psychological blow to their title ambitions.

Although River began the game well, and had some good chances, Boca managed to break up the link play between the so-called 'Fantastic Four' – Ariel Ortega, Pablo Aimar, Javier Saviola and Juan Angel – which has caused so much damage to other opponents.

Boca also showed better teamwork, and the meeting between the League's top players and playmakers, Juan Riquelme (Boca) and Aimar (River), was won hands down by the former.

Boca's subsequent victory at home to Velez Sarsfield put them six points ahead of second-placed Gimnasia y Esgrima de La Plata, with Talleres Cordoba a further point back in third and River a point behind them.

After 11 games this season, eight of the 20 clubs had dismissed their coaches and seven replaced them with coaches fired by other clubs.

The appointment that really grabbed the attention, however, was that of Diego Maradona at bottom-of-the-table Almagro.

Having named his 1986 World Cup team-mates Jose Luis Brown and Hector Enrique as his assistants, Maradona was expected to attend the team's training session on the last Saturday in October, two days before his 40th birthday. He did not show up, however, and was also absent from Almagro's game the following day, a 2-0 defeat at home to Racing Club.

The situation brought back memories of Maradona's last coaching job, ironically at Racing Club, in 1995, when he also often failed to turn up.

Colombian international striker Jairo Castillo, of Velez Sarsfield, has proved an exciting and versatile newcomer to the League. Apart from scoring the only goal of the home game against Chacarita Juniors in round 10, he showed himself to be a good goalkeeper when replacing Jose Luis Chilavert, sent off against Boca Juniors.

Eric Weil

MEXICO

Close call for last eight

THERE is a tight finish in prospect to the League section of the Winter championship as the 17 clubs fight it out for the eight knockout stage places.

Group 1 is a three-horse race between Cruz Azul, Atletico Morelia and Toluca, while Atlas could yet challenge the top pair in Group 2, Tigres and Irapuato. Necaxa and Santos Laguna lead the way in Group 3, though Monterrey still have an outside chance of qualifying. In Group 4, Pachuca seem certain to go through, but Tecos UAG have recently come under pressure from America, who recently won two consecutive games with late goals from international forward Luis Hernandez.

Atlante, Leon and Puebla face the drop, meanwhile. Atlante, who had the lowest points total after 14 rounds, replaced coach Eduardo Rergis with Argentinian Roberto Saporiti, but the move has probably come too late to avoid relegation.

Enrique Meza faced his first real test as national coach when his side met the United States in a friendly in Los Angeles at the end of October. However, he was hampered by the fact that many Mexican clubs did not want to release players because of the tight situation in the League. As a result he put out an experimental team, which duly lost 2-0.

Carlos Ramirez

ROUND-UP

Blooming welcome Kempes

ARGENTINIAN 1978 World Cup star Mario Kempes is back coaching in **BOLIVIA**. Current champions Blooming, who have suffered a slump this season, have signed him until the end of the year with an option to keep him on if results are good.

Meanwhile, bottom side Bolivar, the country's leading title winners, are having one of their worst seasons for years and have dismissed coach Carlos Angel Lopez in a desperate effort to avoid relegation.

Nacional, the reigning **URUGUAYAN** champions, topped the closing championship table by a point from Penarol in second, though their closest challengers had a game in hand.

At the other end of the table, Frontera Rivera are in serious financial difficulties and have not paid their players since February. One squad member, 31-year-old Gilson Madruga, committed suicide reportedly because his wife needed an urgent operation and he was unable to afford to pay for it.

After 11 rounds, Frontera were second bottom with just seven points.

In **CHILE**, Colo Colo and Universidad Catolica shared the points after an exciting derby. Colo led 3-1 at one stage, but after having two men sent off could not hold on to the lead. Universidad won two late penalties, with Jose Sierra converting the first and Ignacio Quinteros netting the rebound from the second after Sierra's spot-kick was saved.

League leaders Universidad de Chile's international midfielder, Clarence Acuna, has joined Newcastle United on a four-year contract.

PARAGUAY'S opening champions Olimpia also won the closing championship, which earned them a three-point bonus as they entered the eight-team final round. The country's other big club, Cerro Porteno, are having a poor season, though new coach Cayetano Re, who took over from Luis Cubilla, has brought some improvement.

Eric Weil

Champions...Wizards' Vicente Figueroa parades the MLS trophy

Defensive Wizards conjure up victory

Paul Gardner on the finale to the MLS season

USA

KANSAS CITY WIZARDS have confounded all the critics by becoming the new MLS champions.

They were, after all, the worst team in the League in 1999, but new boss Bob Gansler, the former national coach, came in to do the job in the way that he has always done it: he produced a no-frills team with the accent firmly on defence.

The Wizards duly conceded the fewest goals during the regular season and were even stingier in the play-offs, letting in just four goals in six games.

Things had to be that way as the Wizards managed to score only seven goals in those knockout matches.

The Final against Chicago Fire, then, always carried the threat of being a low-scoring, defensive game. The remote possibility that it might be otherwise disappeared in the 11th minute when Wizards striker Miklos Molnar scored after a moment of slapstick. The Danish international and Chicago defender Jesse Marsch both tripped over the ball before Molnar prodded it awkwardly and slowly into the net from six yards out.

There followed, inevitably, 80 minutes of stout – and successful – defence from Kansas City, and 80 minutes of hectic – and unsuccessful – attacking from Chicago.

Gansler's worst-to-first miracle was complete, and he had achieved it with a team balanced between veterans – five of the players were over 30, including former Scotland international Mo Johnston at 37 – and youngish Americans.

Perhaps the most satisfying part of the win was that it meant a reward for the club's owner, Lamar Hunt, the Texas millionaire who has shown undaunted faith in the future of pro soccer in the USA and has been investing his money in it for the past 30 years.

Another positive aspect of the final was the attendance. The 39,159 who turned up at the RFK stadium in Washington DC may have been the lowest crowd for any MLS Final, but they were watching two far-from-exciting teams, while local side DC United had long since lost the chance of reaching the decider.

When one considers that viewing things positively is quite a large part of the duties of MLS Commissioner Don Garber, his review of the 2000 season was actually a fairly sober document, mercifully free of the wilder flights of marketing fancy.

Even so, marketing was singled out as the area where "great strides" have been made.

One is entitled to wonder about all this marketing emphasis – if only because MLS attendances were slightly down on the previous year. Garber acknowledged this fact but made no connection between allegedly better marketing and definitely lower ticket sales.

One implication is that more money is being spent marketing a product that is not matching the fans' expectations. Garber implicitly denied this by claiming that "the quality of play continues to improve", but it is worryingly typical of the man – who has no soccer background whatever – that he would dodge discussion of a genuine soccer issue.

It is possible, of course, that the right decisions for soccer can be made for non-soccer reasons. This would appear to be the case when Garber talks about the need for soccer-specific stadiums. "Stadiums continue to be a priority – we clearly need to be in a situation where we control our schedule and commercial opportunities and are a primary tenant," he said.

All perfectly true – but again Garber ignores a crucial soccer point. Narrow fields designed for gridiron football continue to be the curse of American soccer.

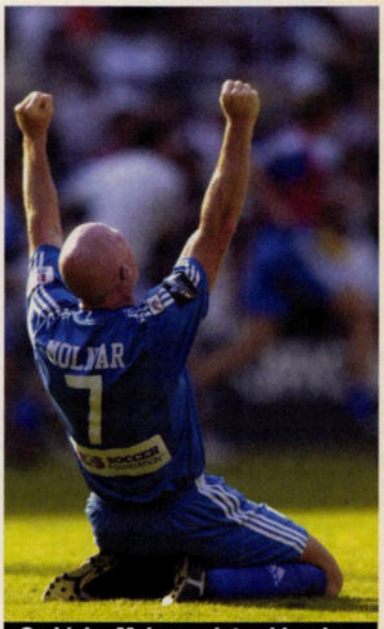
What Garber might have mentioned was that playing soccer on cramped pitches rewards a defensive, physical game. He might then have noted that the defensive Kansas City Wizards play their home games on the narrowest ground in the League.

That American fans are attack-oriented is not in doubt. They like the idea of goal-scoring, and so the success of the Wizards is not really what MLS needs.

At the same time, the League has lost the power it had to have a strong say in the type of players signed. In the early days deputy-commissioner Sunil Gulati had virtually dictatorial powers in signing star foreigners, and then assigning them to clubs. He went for the more flamboyant Latin players – Carlos Valderrama, Jorge Campos, Marco Etcheverry, Mauricio Cienfuegos.

Now the power of selection is in the hands of the coaches. The League still signs the players but, finances permitting, will listen to the coaches' requests. In short, things are now much closer to the way they've always been done in the rest of the world. One result of this has been more conservative signings and – because most of the coaches are European, or have European connections – the signing of fewer Latin players.

To this observer the effects of this trend have been to make the game more cautious and less likely to appeal to the substantial number of Hispanic fans.



On high...Molnar salutes his winner

In 1996, its first year, MLS produced statistics showing that nearly 40 per cent of its fans were Hispanic. Somehow that important fact is being increasingly ignored.

Nowhere in his year review did Garber make any mention of Hispanic fans or – a much more likely theme for him – the Hispanic market.

A tendency is detectable to ignore soccer considerations and to assess everything in terms of marketing. Hopefully it is nothing more than that – a tendency – and not a mentality.

Morocco on course again

Mark Gleeson rounds up the latest batch of qualifying games

AFRICAN NATIONS CUP

Goal for Ghana...Stephen Appiah

MOROCCO's African Nations Cup campaign eased slowly back on track after the latest round of qualifiers, but it is still the minnows from Madagascar and Lesotho who hog the limelight in the race for places at Mali 2002.

Having fired Polish coach Henri Kasperczak, the Moroccans fashioned out a narrow 1-0 win over Kenya in their Group 3 game in Casablanca.

Youssef Chippo scored the goal just before half-time to put his country back on course following their defeat by Gabon in September.

In Group 3's other game, Tunisia beat Gabon 4-2 in Tunis to go top.

Madagascar maintained their challenge to Nigeria in Group 1 by holding the Super Eagles to a goalless draw in Antananarivo. The result, which followed on from their surprise win in Zambia in September, kept Madagascar on track for a top two finish.

Nigeria travelled to Antananarivo without coach Jo Bonfrere, who was told to stay at home after his failure with the Under-23 side at the Olympics.

Zambia stayed third in the group with a 2-1 win away to Namibia.

In Group 6, Lesotho, who did so well to reach the Cosafa Castle Cup Final earlier this year, won a point away to the Democratic Republic of Congo. The last time they travelled to Kinshasa, the Basotho were beaten 7-0, but this time they showed great character to come back from 1-0 down.

Lesotho held Ghana in their first Nations Cup qualifier and could be a real surprise package, particularly after early group leaders Zimbabwe lost 4-1 to Ghana in Accra. All the home side's goals came from Europe-based players – Stephen Appiah (Parma), Emmanuel Duah (Uniao Leiria), Charles Amoah (St Gallen) and Charles Akonnor (Wolfsburg).

Egypt are the only side to have a 100 per cent record after two qualifiers. Hossam Hassan scored the only goal of the tie in Sudan to put his country three points clear at the top of Group 7, though Ivory Coast's home tie with Libya was postponed because of violence in the country following the presidential election.

Elsewhere, Congo won their first points of the campaign with a victory in Mauritius in Group 2; Burkina Faso's 1-0 home win over Burundi put them clear at the top of Group 4 after Angola drew 2-2 at home to Angola; and in Group 5, Togo are the only unbeaten side following their 3-0 home win over Uganda. They now lead by a point from Uganda and Guinea, who overcame Senegal 1-0.

CLUB COMPETITIONS

Hearts help to break Arabic grip

THE spectre of an African Champions League Final without a competitor from the Arab-speaking north of the continent is looming large. If it happens, it will be for only the third time in the past 20 years.

Hearts of Oak of Ghana have already booked their place in the Final, overcoming the much-vaunted Al Ahly of Egypt in Group 2.

South Africa's Mamelodi Sundowns and Africa Sports from Ivory Coast are in with a real chance of topping Group 1, to secure the other Final berth. However, last-year's runners-up, Esperance of Tunisia, scored twice in the last five minutes through subs Taoufik Hammami and Bilel Laher to overcome Sable de Batie in Cameroon and keep up Arab hopes.

The result put Esperance joint top with Sundowns, but the key clash between the South African side and Africa Sports was postponed because of the tensions in Ivory Coast.

Sundowns, under the guidance of Dutch coach Clemens Westerhof, have finally started to live up to their potential. They blew a lead away to Esperance in late August, losing by the odd goal in five, but gave the Tunisians few opportunities in the return in Pretoria. They won out after two goals from captain Daniel Mudau.

In the other tie of that round, Africa Sports beat Sable de Batie 3-1 in Abidjan. All their goals came in a second-half rally after the Cameroon champions had taken an early lead.

Hearts got the point they needed to clinch top spot in Group 2 by holding Al Ahly to a 1-1 draw in Cairo. The result followed on from Hearts' fourth successive win in the group, 2-0 at home to Lobi Stars of Nigeria earlier in October. Kenneth Sarpong opened the scoring in the first half, with Ghanaian international Emmanuel Osei Kuffour adding the second in the closing stages.

Osei Kuffour got the all-important goal a fortnight later in Cairo, where Al Ahly had to scramble a late equaliser from Ibrahim Saeed to avoid losing a long-standing unbeaten home record in African club competition. Al Ahly, who have the German Hans-Jurgen Dorner waiting to take over as coach, were simply unable to live up to their pre-tournament favourites billing.

Al Ahly's Cairo rivals, Zamalek, fared better in the Cup-winners Cup, securing their place in the Final with a 0-0 draw away to St Louisienne of Reunion after a 2-0 home win. They will meet Canon Yaounde of Cameroon, who scored a last-minute goal at home to Libya's Al Ittihad to go through 2-1 on aggregate.

There is yet more success in prospect for Egypt in the CAF Cup. Ismaili were almost certain to progress to the Final having beaten Ivory Coast's Stade Abidjan 5-0 in the first leg. JS Kabylie of Algeria are definitely through after beating Nigeria's Iwuanyanwu 1-0 at home following a 1-1 draw in the first leg.

Mark Gleeson

ROUND-UP

Mendonca refused re-entry

PORTUGUESE customs officials refused to allow **ANGOLAN** international Mendonca back into Portugal, where he plays for Second Division Varzim, on his return from the Nations Cup qualifier against Algeria. Mendonca was turned back at Lisbon airport by officials who said his visa was not in order.

Elsewhere in **SOUTHERN AFRICA**, Burundian coach Nsazwirino Ramadhan was jailed in **MALAWI** after being found without a work permit. He was freed after his club, Bata Bullets, paid a £400 fine.

Russian coach Viktor Bondarenko has taken charge of **SOUTH AFRICAN** side Moroka Swallows after Zeca Marques resigned. At Bloemfontein Celtic, David Roberts has taken over from Styles Phumo, who is now general manager.

LESOTHO'S government has told the country's soccer authorities that they will no longer pay for clubs to participate in the African club competitions.

In **MOZAMBIQUE**, Estrela Vermelha lead in the season-opening Honour Cup.

CENTRAL AFRICA

TP Mazembe, from the southern **DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO** city of Lubumbashi, have broken the long-time stranglehold on the championship of clubs from the capital, Kinshasa.

TP Mazembe, who won the inaugural African Champions Cup, clinched the title after a goalless draw with Daring Club Motema Pembe, in Kinshasa.

Jean Banza Kasongo, the **CONGO** international striker, has returned to CS Sfax in Tunisia on loan from Wolfsburg in Germany.

Desportivo Guadalupe won the Solidarity Cup on **SAO TOME E PRINCIPE,** while Sporting Praia Cruz won the national Cup Final. In the League, Inter Bom-Bom won their second championship.

EAST AFRICA

DJIBOUTI, citing a lack of finance, pulled out of the East and Central African Senior Challenge Cup, scheduled for Kampala in Uganda.

Substitute Alex Kimani scored in extra time to give Mathare United victory in **KENYA'S** Moi Golden Cup Final.

Young Africans have won the Union League in **TANZANIA**, pipping Mtibwa Sugar. Tanzania's FA has been suspended by FIFA because of the government's sacking of elected officials.

Simba SC and Express were neck and neck in the race for the title in **UGANDA**.

WEST AFRICA

Wolfsburg striker Jonathan Akpoborie says his family in **NIGERIA** has been threatened after his decision to make himself unavailable for the national team to concentrate on his club career.

Hearts of Oak have won the League title again in **GHANA**, finishing five points ahead of Goldfields in second.

Vicenza striker Mohamed Kallon has bought the Sierra Fisheries club in his home country, **SIERRA LEONE**, and renamed it FC Kallon.

SENEGAL have appointed Frenchman Bruno Metsu as their new national coach, replacing the veteran German Peter Schnittger.

Family threats...Akpoborie

The **CAPE VERDE ISLANDS** federation has said it will not enter sides in next year's African club competitions due to lack of funds.

Chief Santos, searching for a fourth successive title, are leading the way in the **NAMIBIAN** League.

Mark Gleeson

Pro-file Pierre Niend Wome

Olympic penalty hero with experience beyond his years

PIERRE WOME has been making waves since his teenage years. In fact, Cameroon's Olympic Games hero is barely into his formative years in world football yet seems a veteran.

The coolness he displayed in converting the winning kick in the Olympic Final shoot-out against Spain showed as much, confirming the hard-man image that the young left-sided defender has made for himself over the past five years.

Wome might not have made the headlines in the same fashion as team-mates Patrick Mboma, Samuel Eto'o and Laurent Etame-Mayer, but it was his steely presence on the left side which went a long way to ensuring Cameroon's successful march to the Olympic gold medal.

It was four years ago that Wome first made a name for himself, becoming the youngest player ever to appear at the African Nations Cup finals.

Cameroon lost 3-0 to South Africa in Johannesburg that day and Wome was taken off before half-time. It was also a record that lasted just a day – surpassed 24 hours later by Mohamed Kallon of Sierra Leone – but at least the Cameroonian had achieved some recognition.

In fact, Wome had already won six caps for his country coming into the tournament, having made his debut just three months after his 16th birthday.

Italian scouts at the Nations Cup had been impressed enough to put their hats in the ring for his signature, and it was Vicenza who won out, taking the impressively-built teenager to Serie A.

He played just three times in his first season, but found his feet in Italy during a loan spell at Serie B side Lucchese.

Then came a move to Roma at the start of the 1998-99 season, but after just eight Serie A appearances, he finally arrived at Bologna, where he has a more realistic chance of regular first-team football.

At just 21, Wome has an impressive CV, starting with the World Under-20 Championship in Qatar in 1995 and including the World Cup finals in France, where he played in all three of Cameroon's games. He has also been to three successive African Nations Cup finals and won the title in Nigeria earlier this year. Having been dropped, Wome managed to force his way back into the side after appearing as a second-half substitute in the semi-final against Tunisia.

The Olympic gold is surely the highlight so far but with at least a decade at the top still beckoning there is no doubt much more to come from Pierre Wome.

Mark Gleeson

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Born March, 26, 1979 in Douala
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International debut June 1995, v Lesotho
International caps 35 (1 goal)
Honours African Nations Cup 2000; Olympic Games 2000

Home again...Shoji Jo has signed for Yokohama F Marinos

Antlers ready to turn up the heat on Gamba

Tight finish in store in Second Stage title race

JAPAN

SIX teams were still in the race to take the J.League's Second Stage when it resumed in November. Gamba Osaka, who have never won a J.League title, were surprise leaders on 23 points, two ahead of Kashima Antlers. The others are Kashiwa Reysol, Nagoya Grampus Eight, Jubilo Iwata and, even more surprisingly, perennial strugglers Avispa Fukuoka. All had five games left.

If anyone is going to catch Gamba, then Antlers must be the favourites. While the national teams were away at the Olympics and triumphing in the Asian Cup, the remainder of Toninho Cerezo's squad were using the League break to beat in-form Grampus Eight to reach the Final of the Yamazaki Nabisco (League) Cup.

Antlers' surprise opponents are Kawasaki Frontale, who came through thanks to a goal in the last seconds of injury time against Kyoto Purple Sanga. Frontale are currently bottom of the combined First and Second Stage table, which determines who will be relegated.

First Stage winners Yokohama F Marinos have reinforced their attack by taking World Cup striker Shoji Jo back from Valladolid and signing South Korean Olympic striker Sin Byung-ho from a university side.

Former Australia manager Eddie Thomson is standing down from the hot seat at Sanfrecce Hiroshima at the end of the season. His replacement will be Valeri Nepomniachtchi, the Russian who took Cameroon to the quarter-finals of the 1990 World Cup. More recently, he has been coaching in China.

Yasutaro Matsuki, who guided Verdy Kawasaki to the first two J.League championships in 1993 and 1994, returns to the club in January to take over from Kunihide Lee.

Cerezo Osaka striker Akinori Nishizawa has agreed a six-month loan with Spanish club Espanyol plus an option for a full contract from June.

Mike Plastow & Michi Ishijima

AUSTRALIA

Breakers break up then are re-United

TO THE relief of fans throughout Australia, the 2000-01 National Soccer League kicked off with a full complement of 16 clubs.

Speculation had been rife over the financial welfare of Carlton Blues, Newcastle Breakers, Canberra Cosmos and Gippsland Falcons. A year earlier, Adelaide Sharks were forced to withdraw a week before the League commenced. History seemed set to repeat itself when the entire Breakers playing staff, none of whom had been paid for several months, walked out and Soccer Australia withdrew the northern New South Wales club's League licence.

However, Sydney businessman Con Constantine stepped in to form the entity which now carries Newcastle's banner in the League, with the nucleus of Breakers' old squad and their coach.

The rather unimaginatively labelled Newcastle United is not the only unfamiliar appellation in the League, though, because Gippsland have been renamed Eastern Pride.

The Latrobe Valley-based side's most recent name switch – they were known as Morwell Falcons as recently as 1996 – failed to bring an immediate change of fortune. The perpetual stragglers gained only a point from their first two fixtures while Melbourne Knights, Sydney United and Marconi were joint top, having won both their games.

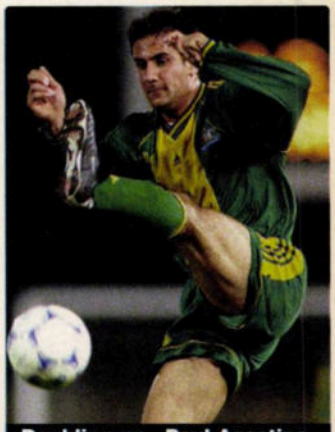
The Australian national team travelled to Dubai for a four-nation tournament devoid of English Premiership stars Harry Kewell, Mark Viduka, Mark Bosnich and Paul Okon, though for 134 minutes of action coach Frank Farina must have thought the trip was going to prove fruitful.

Farina's side, which included seven graduates from the Olympic squad, played well during their 1-0 win over Kuwait, the goal coming from John Aloisi. Then, in the next game, against South Korea, a brace from Paul Agostino put the Socceroos into an apparently commanding lead.

However, slack marking at a free-kick enabled the Koreans to pull a goal back before the interval and three more defensive errors in the second period were responsible for an eventual 4-2 defeat.

● Ba won **FIJI'S** Inter Districts Championship for a record 18th time when a 25-yard piledriver from Keni Doidoi gave them a 1-0 victory over arch-rivals Nadi in the Final.

Paul Moon


Doubling up...Paul Agostino

ASIAN ROUND-UP

Brazilians strike gold for Mohun

MOHUN BAGAN lifted **INDIA'S** All Airlines Gold Cup after defeating Calcutta rivals Tollygunj Agragami 2-0 in the Final. Brazilian duo Jose Ramirez Barreto and Dos Santos scored to bring Mohun their first trophy of the season.

Former international Jarnail Singh has died in Canada at the age of 64. Singh, who scored the winner against South Korea in the 1962 Asian Games Final, captained the national side between 1965 and 1967.

CHINA: Dalian have won their fifth championship, finishing six points clear of Shanghai. Newly-promoted Xiamen and Jilin were relegated. FA president Yuan Weimin has been named as Sports Minister.

BANGLADESH: The FA has appointed 57-year-old Hungarian George Kottan as national coach. In the Super-Four phase of the Premier League, holders Mohammedan SC were top with 30 points from 12 matches, one ahead of Muktijoddah KC.

MALAYSIA: Perak won the Cup for the second time in three years by beating Negri Sembilan 2-0 in the Final.

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7 AIK Stockholm defender recruited from Karlsruhe (5)
8 Much-admired Romanian left-back in Holland with Ajax (5)
9 Coach who led France to Euro 2000 triumph (7)
10 Ex-Skonto Riga defender currently at Arsenal (9)
15 Paraguay defender now with Flamengo (7)
18 Polish international who has played for De Graafschap and Feyenoord (5)
19 German Under-21 midfielder who moved this year from Hamburg to Werder Bremen (5)
20 Czech city where Banik are based (7)

DOWN

1 Defender back in France with Bordeaux after a spell at Valencia (5)
2 City appointed to host the 2000 Asian Cup Final (6)
3 Scorer of Madrid's third goal at the Stade de France in May (4)
4 Goalkeeper of Arsenal and England (6)
5 Gaziantepspor keeper omitted from Turkey's Euro 2000 squad (4)
6 Coach given charge of Poland's national side in 2000 (5)
11 Former Marseille man who picked up Barthez's gloves at Monaco (6)
12 Czech sweeper whose time at 1860 Munich has been injury-dogged (6)
13 Veteran Norway centre-back whose club sides have included Spain's Alaves (5)
14 Italian appointed Besiktas coach earlier this year (5)
16 Le ---- UC 72, French Second Division club (4)
17 Standard's Norwegian striker, previously with Gent (4)

OCTOBER SOLUTION

ACROSS: 2 Mondragon, 6 Spain, 7 Huard, 9 Heinen, 10 Haas, 12 Mols, 14 Sharpe, 17 Simao, 18 Kopke, 19 Bjorklund.
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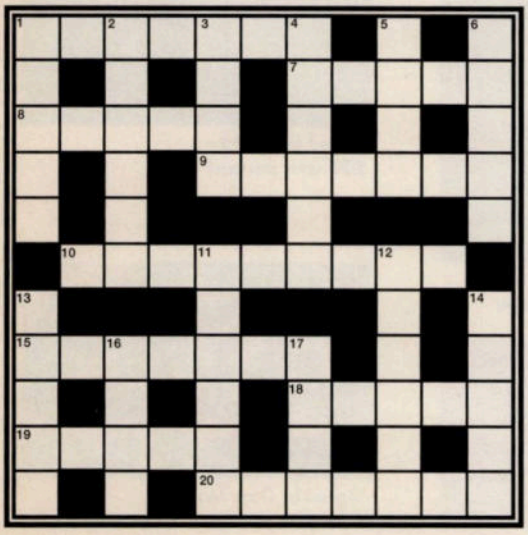

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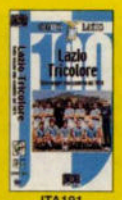

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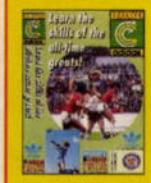

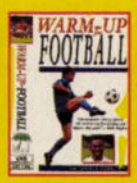

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Keegan: right decision, wrong time

'Having decided to continue after Euro 2000, Keegan should at least have had the guts to stay on until after Helsinki'

IT SEEMS clearer than ever now. Kevin Keegan, who scuttled off the sinking ship immediately after his ill-chosen England team had lost at Wembley to the Germans, should have gone straight after Euro 2000.

What possessed him to stay? Or the egregious Adam Crozier to pronounce that Keegan was an "excellent" manager? The FA chief executive compounded this comment with his part in that heart-breaking scene in the dressing-room lavatory at Wembley when he tried in vain to persuade Keegan to stay.

Not that he was wholly wrong about that. As I remember, subject to correction, Keegan had promised he would go were England to fare badly in their opening two World Cup eliminators. Instead, he dashed for cover after one, exactly four days befor his team were due to play Finland in Helsinki, leaving England to the tender and misbegotten mercies of Howard Wilkinson

Out of his hands...Keegan quit after defeat against Germany

Soon after Euro 2000 no fewer than three managers, all of whom had done vastly better than Keegan, gave their notice. Dino Zoff had, in fact, all but won the tournament with Italy. However, pique by the mindless, loud-mouthed criticism of the ineffable Silvio Berlusconi, Dino went.

So did Humberto Coelho, whose Portugal team were so narrowly edged ou by France in the semi-finals, and Frank Rijkaard of Holland, who, likewise, were beaten semi-finalists and, in their case, only on penalties.

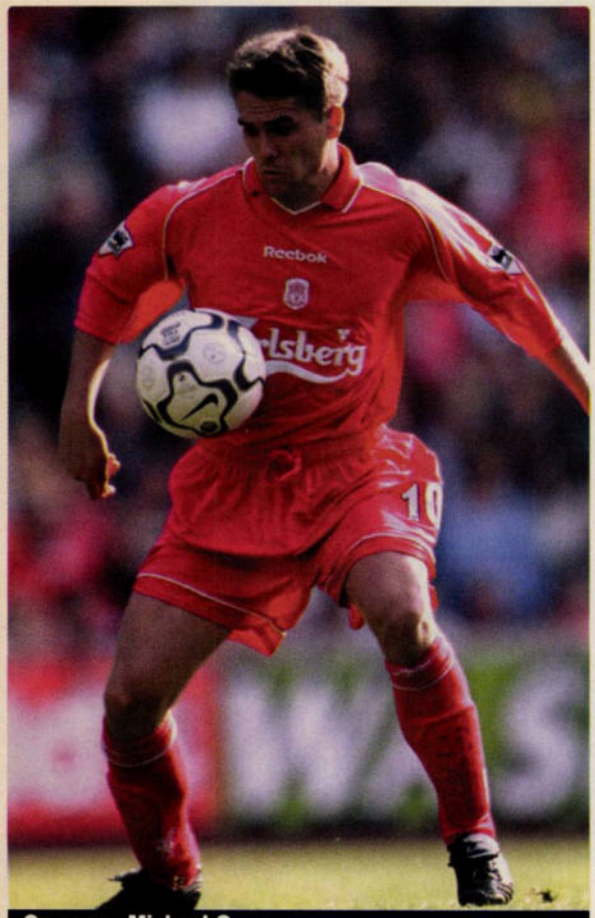
Having decided to continue, against all logic, Keegan should at least have had the guts to stay on until after Helsinki. The tea he put out against Germany was ludicrous selecting the one-paced defender Gareth Southgate to potter about in midfield, whe it was a home game that needed to be wo

By half-time, when Southgate was pulle back into a three-man defence, Germany were already a goal up – and what a wretchedly avoidable one! – and somethir else was clear: at least to all but Keegan. That Michael Owen and Andy Cole, far fro complementing one another, if anything cancelled each other out. The combinatior clearly wasn't working, and one or other c the forwards should have been taken off.

Wilkinson's 'solution' in Helsinki was not to put Owen on at all, while Cole's appalling miskick seemed to underline the fact that he simply won't get goals at international level.

You wouldn't have expected Sgt Wilko to bring on Joe Cole, who he'd excluded from the first half of last season's Under-2 match against Argentina at Fulham. But t introduce McManaman, who'd not played a competitive game for Real Madrid this season, and Phil Neville, whose internation career should have been dead and buried after conceding that penalty against Romania at Euro 2000...

All this was compounded by Wilkinsor declaration that we should forget the 200 World Cup. If Keegan in the First World W might have been shot for desertion, migh Wilkinson have been shot for defeatism?



On song...Michael Owen

Judge Owen by his performances

DAVID BECKHAM is not the only star footballer derided for being stupid. Now Michael Owen has been similarly traduced.

In a peculiarly silly, lazy article by Jan Moir in the *Daily Telegraph*, we are implicitly asked to believe that he has no hinterland. Time and again Moir bombards him with questions about going to nightclubs. He's damned if he does, damned if he doesn't (which he doesn't).

Ignorance of anything to do with Owen's football career precludes any reference to aspects of it that are surely of some interest, not least in 'human' terms. Owen's strange, irrational treatment by Glenn Hoddle, for example. Shortly before the 1998 World Cup the then England coach accused the teenage Owen of still having much to learn (so what?) and even, by implication, impugned his character and general behaviour. This treatment persisted into the World Cup finals themselves, when Owen was initially cold-shouldered, only to galvanise the team as soon as he came on.

Then there were the Liverpool forward's debilitating hamstring troubles, which seemed to threaten so seriously his career, and his occasional sudden flashes of anger, which led to dangerous tackles, worthy of red cards, when playing for his club.

Beckham is a perpetual target. Partly, it is true, thanks to his own silly public posturing. And who could be more inventive and creative on the field than Gazza, and who more a bird-brain off it?

It must be remembered that there are diverse forms of intelligence. I recall, after staggering out of a traumatising interview with the great opera star Maria Callas, being told by Fornasetti, the famous Italian designer, that singers were "delle bestie con le belle voci" – animals with beautiful voices. It's not always true by any means; but if the star can sing, who cares?

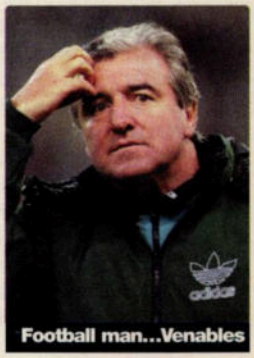
Venables should have stuck to football

I WISH Terry Venables hadn't over-reached himself. Then there would have been no contention over his claims to be reinstalled as England boss.

I've known Terry since, believe it or not, he was a tongue-tied teenage footballer. He has many talents, though perhaps he was never destined to be the second Sinatra. But I've always been fascinated by the story told by Gordon Williams, the Scottish novelist, of how, when asked to teach the young Chelsea apprentices, he asked them to go home and write a short story. All were perplexed except Terry, who came back with a tale so good that Williams told him it reminded him of Damon Runyon. Terry said he had never heard of him. Later he and Williams wrote thrillers together.

But Terry was never quite Renaissance man, never the business tycoon he so badly wanted to be. Hence the altercations with Tottenham chairman Alan Sugar; hence, alas, the seven-year ban from being a company director; and how could he have as his right-hand man at Spurs and Portsmouth an undischarged bankrupt, Eddie Ashby, who now threatens to 'tell all'?

Cobblers should stick to their last.


Football man...Venables

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Tough boss...Stan Cullis

JIM HOLDEN subtitles his biography of Stan Cullis 'The Iron Manager', but if it's irony you want, here it is, late in this interesting, well-researched book, in abundance.

Holden quotes the former England and Middlesbrough team doctor Neil Phillips, who says that Cullis once told him of attending an Army dinner in Aldershot where Charlie Hughes, then chief of coaching at the FA and obsessional prophet of the long ball, was also present. "He hadn't a clue who Stan was at all," recalled Phillips. "Stan told me he was totally horrified that this chap high up in the FA didn't know him."

This seems almost incredible, given that the tedious views of Wing Commander Charles Reep had such a profound influence on both of them; not to mention Watford's Graham Taylor.

Reep's so-called Match Analysis fascinated Cullis. The theories regularly appeared, illustrated by squiggly diagrams, in the good old *News Chronicle*. But they, and Cullis' implementation of them, looked to have come to a sticky or, at Molineux, a muddy end, when Wolves were twice thrashed early in 1959 by Helenio Herrera's Barcelona. Holden quotes a Spanish paper which sneered at English football as being "years out of date".

Cullis, who figured majestically in the first professional match I ever saw – England v Scotland at Wembley in January 1942, when I was 10 – was brutally sacked by Wolves chairman John Ireland, who resented him. But it was fairly clear by then that the Cullis-Reep tactics were obsolescent. Who could ever have believed they would be inflicted on the English game some 30 years later.

Moreover, Cullis himself was, as Holden's title suggests, a ruthless manager. Dennis Wilshaw, the Wolves and England forward, declared that team spirit was guaranteed by the fact "that we all hated his guts".

I, myself, know of instances in which he treated younger players callously. Yet he surely remains a memorable figure, both as a splendid footballer whose career, like so many others, was wrecked by the world war, and as a formidable manager.

From the archives...

December 1977

IT was a month of goodbyes. The cover featured Pele on the occasion of his final game, in New York; England had as good as said farewell to their hopes of making the 1978 World Cup; and Israel were on their way out of the Asian football fold for good.

Paul Gardner took the British media to task for its take on Pele's swansong, in particular Brian James of the *Daily Mail*, who, Gardner asserted, found the whole occasion "hyped up and…tasteless". Gardner's view was that, while there were excesses, "there was plenty that was moving and exciting on that afternoon."

On another page, Colin Jose analysed Pele's influence on the North American game since his arrival at New York Cosmos in June 1975. The Brazilian's drawing power was undoubted, but it also served to highlight the otherwise poor turn-outs for many of the NASL clubs' home games. "Connecticut had an attendance of 17,302 when the Cosmos came to New Haven," wrote Jose, "but for their other 12 home games only managed to attract an average of 2,727."

Attracting spectators to Wembley for the England-Italy World Cup qualifier was not a problem, but the home fans left knowing that, despite an impressive 2-0 victory by their side, Italy merely needed to beat Luxembourg in their final qualifier to book their finals place in Argentina (the Italians duly won 3-0). It was ironic, therefore, in the light of the Wembley result, that *World Soccer* should say "the four gloomiest years England have suffered since returning to the FIFA fold after the second world war look like coming to an end".

Meanwhile, Robin Parke reported, Israel were seeking admission to UEFA, having been thrown out of the Asian confederation the previous year. However, it was to be 1992 before Israel were finally admitted to UEFA. In between, they became the only country to date to play World Cup qualifiers against teams from all five continents.

There were, of course, no qualifying concerns for 1978 World Cup hosts Argentina, but Eric Weil reported that their preparations were far from care-free. The World Cup Committee had just stated that the country expected "to lose 392 million dollars" on the tournament; there were calls for national coach Cesar Menotti to make way for previous incumbent Juan Carlos Lorenzo after some shaky friendly performances; and despite many European observers ranking Argentina among the favourites to win the World Cup, "opinions at home are far less optimistic".

They need not have worried.

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Pele, in action for the New York Cosmos against Japanese champions Furukawa Denko in Tokyo's National Stadium. A crowd of 50,000 watched the Cosmos win 4-2.

Israel leave AFC and apply to join UEFA